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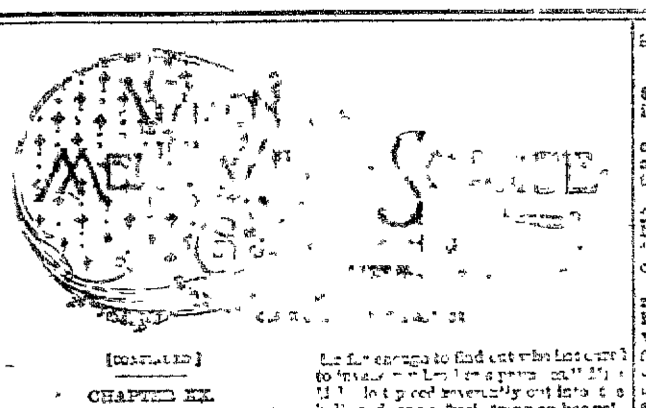

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CHAPTER XX.

One day in the early springtime, when every tree and shrub expects to put forth bud and blossom each after its own kind, the [illegible] trees [illegible] the Cloverdell streets [illegible] ways when the sun grew [illegible] seemed [illegible]

[illegible] dell a time honored [illegible] the "first of the family" of the [illegible] and [illegible] would [illegible] and the neck [illegible] their black edged bits of paper placed where he who ran might read.

Every woman in Cloverdell had tried to ward off the grim messenger death from the lonely little north[illegible]. Failing that, every woman in Cloverdell sought to do honor to all that remained of her.

Miss Melanie Potts was in the lead as usual.

"Friends, we've got to do this thing decently and in order if we give up the best we have left. Then see in Mrs. Matthews' case things are somewhat complicated. If she had been one of our very own by birth as she was, dear heart, in spirit and in truth and we knew that she would lie until the trump shall sound at the last great day just where we are going to lay her among the sweet jessamines and the brightest roses of the Cloverdell cemetery I wouldn't make such a point of everything as I am doing. But that's just what we can't make sure of, for, being northern born and northern bred, Ed he may want to take her back home'—"

Here the speaker was interrupted plaintively by Ollie Potts.

"If he ever gets home himself."

"Of course he'll get home. Don't make a goose of yourself, Ollie. Our hands are full enough of troubles without going abroad to import more. So, you see"—turning once more toward the others—"I am especially anxious that her coffin shall be a nice one. These dreadful plain white pine affairs we had to use when the Brad[illegible] child died will never do. They might [illegible] her old home, you know—I mean in case Eddie insists on removal—that we thought anything good enough for a Yankee."

There had been no lack of woman's nursing nor dearth of woman's tears in the Widow Matthews' cottage those weeks of her failing, and the idea that they were capable of putting any affront upon the lady in death was [illegible] to the sensibilities of each one of her Cloverdell friends.

Cloverdell had been in the habit of importing the very best products of the undertaker's skill from New Orleans when the local supply did not come up to its exacting taste in [illegible] fashions. The local supply had long since been exhausted, and New Orleans belonged to the enemy. But Cloverdell women had grown [illegible] Miss Melanie's [illegible] taking mental inventories of the wardrobes in which nearly [illegible] too good for daily wear had escaped the test of a shopless era.

"Of course it must be black," Mrs. Clark said. [illegible] several exclamations clapped [illegible]

"I have [illegible]," said Miss Melanie, staring [illegible] at a photograph of Eddie Matthews [illegible] frame on the table, "some [illegible] brilliant purple [illegible]. But [illegible] Cloverdell is not [illegible]."

"I have a black foulard silk, but it's got what [illegible]," Mrs. Brownell said. "If Miss Melanie thinks that won't look any different [illegible] Mrs. Matthews [illegible] to it a dozen times over."

Miss [illegible] was afraid it would make a [illegible] for some [illegible] offered upon the [illegible] of friendship.

"I looked over all my things before leaving home," she said, "with a view to finding something that would do to cover the dreadful staring boards, but the girls and I have cut up everything that had any substance to it for the sharpshooters long ago."

From a dozen different sources came an answering murmur.

"That is just exactly my fix."

"Something must be found." Miss Melanie said this with the insistence of fate. [illegible] Mrs. Phipps was the one who [illegible] the trouble over.

"I have a long [illegible] that I will send down as soon as I can get it out of the cedar chest in which I've got all my best things packed away. I hope you won't think I'm [illegible] an offering to our dead friend, but I have sorter been holding on to it in case I might have to be put away myself. I am ashamed to think how selfish that sounds now, since I've put it into words."

Miss Melanie rushed at her to kiss her tumultuously.

"It doesn't sound selfish a bit, dear, but we can't have you talking about needing it yourself for any such purpose. I'll send Timothy Drew straight up to your house for the circular."

Mrs. Clarke, who at heart was a thrifty woman, but would have been ashamed to [illegible], here made a startling statement that was received with marked incredulity.

"Betsy—that's my cook—tells me that a store is about to be opened in the old Potts building. Perhaps we might find the other needful things there."

"A store!"

"In the Lester Potts' building? Well, I should think I ought to know something about that."

Miss Melanie appeared [illegible] tempered by the [illegible] confusion.

Mrs. [illegible] stood her ground firmly. "I [illegible] for it, and [illegible]

[illegible] ting into the market [illegible]

Of course I will look into the mat[illegible]

the far carriage to find out who last [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] that [illegible] They [illegible] after [illegible] they tiptoed out [illegible]

Mrs. Potts, who was [illegible], and Mrs. Clarke, who for reasons of her own did not care to be present should Betsy's

"Of course I will look into the matter."

during statement prove to be without foundation, volunteered to remain in the cottage with its quiet sleeper.

"You know, my dear," said Miss Melanie as she trotted along at the head of quite a respectable following, "the whole thing is stamped with falsehood on its face. The Marine brigade has not been seen nor heard from in months now"—

"Recalled by the Federal commodore," said Julia Potts, with a vague air of giving information gained by she didn't know how and not to be vouched for.

"Recalled by the Federal commodore? The Federals have never recognized [illegible] ports as belonging to their army, so why should they recall them?"

Miss Melanie struck in sharply to discourage any more interruptions.

"So, of course, they can't be getting up a [illegible] soon, and I would like you to tell me where there is anybody [illegible] will get a dollar's worth of [illegible] her [illegible] I imagine I know as [illegible] as Mrs. Clarke's, [illegible] can possibly know about the resources of this place and the times."

"Oh, as far as the times are concerned," Amy Street ventured the opinion, "nothing could happen without our [illegible] it. I have just been wondering what we would have to buy with in case there is a store."

"But with? Why, we've got about a peck of Confederate money tucked away about the house somewhere," Julia Potts said cheerfully. "Dear papa, he was a [illegible], but a long headed man too. I reckon he foresaw the time when we would be in actual need of everything and hoped to provide against the evil day by taking this money in exchange for cotton. We've never spent a dollar of it."

Ollie laughed breezily.

"Small credit to us for that. We've had no place to spend it."

"Not now, dear, I think—I just know—that Lester took that money when he didn't have a particle of faith in it, but there were those who were too proud to take his meat and meal without paying for it, and they had nothing else to pay with."

The Potts' warerooms, being very far down [illegible] what had used to be called "Wholesale row," did not come [illegible]. It was many blocks removed from the residential part of town and from the squat little [illegible] behind the tubbed chandelier. Miss Melanie and her nieces had never been in that quarter of the town since that memorable occasion when, coming to church for any possible contents still undistributed, they had come upon Moses, sleeping upon its benches.

On the present occasion it bore a still more deserted appearance.

The heavy wooden shutters that concealed the broken panes of glass were in position and secured by their iron bars just as Miss Melanie had directed Timothy Drew to secure them. Not a ray of light could penetrate them. The front door and the rear ones were securely locked as she had herself locked them.

"I told you so—not a single sign of occupancy. We have come down here on a wild goose chase."

[illegible] Melanie's wrath was turned to curiosity by a discovery of Amy Street's.

"Some one has been sawing something on the gallery. The wind has blown a good deal of the sawdust away, but there it is."

Very much as Robinson Crusoe may have looked at Friday's footprints before discovering that invaluable coadjutor himself did the maids and matrons of Cloverdell stare at those little heaps of sawdust.

Suddenly Ollie Potts, who was tall and supple, standing upon one of the gallery benches and applied her eye to the diamond shaped aperture cut in the top of the solid wooden shutter.

She kept her eyes glued to it long enough to bring every woman who had not her advantages to the point of exasperation.

"In the name of goodness, Ollie, are you going to stay up there all night?"

"Can't you let us know if you see anything or don't?"

"Well, Ollie, this is getting to be a [illegible]"

[illegible], Ollie descended from her [illegible] with a face full of importance.

"[illegible] did you see?"

[illegible] all along one side of the [illegible] and down the [illegible] store [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I can't!"

"[illegible] so you can't," Olivia [illegible] for any more telling arguments.

"And because you are [illegible] more curious [illegible] Amy Street with a [illegible] Miss Potts to [illegible]"

"Well, [illegible] tomorrow will do [illegible]" And [illegible] thoroughly mystified they retraced their steps toward Mrs. Matthews' cottage.

It was perhaps [illegible] it was not as [illegible] that the long procession of decrepit buggies, [illegible] barouches and rattling [illegible] which followed Mrs. Matthews to the Cloverdell cemetery should have been [illegible] right past Mr. Potts' old store.

As Timothy Drew had arranged the route, there are those who to this day call it "a put up job."

Miss [illegible] and Mrs. Phipps led the [illegible] old Potts buggy. Miss [illegible] the reins. When they [illegible] Potts store, both [illegible] Then [illegible] firmly on [illegible]

"[illegible]," the little woman declared afterward, "to [illegible] old Dandy [illegible] and [illegible] to save my eyes out. I do believe if we hadn't been chief mourners I would have stopped. You can just imagine my feelings—a sign almost as big as the side of the store, made out of great [illegible] blue letters, starting out of [illegible]"

But Dandy had been at too many funerals since he had come into the Potts family not to know how to comport himself under the most trying circumstances, and, resisting Miss Melanie's involuntary tightening of the reins, he carried her and Mrs. Phipps safely beyond the danger line. Mrs. Phipps was guilty of the indiscretion of looking [illegible] through the square of glass set in [illegible] of the buggy.

"[illegible] upon my word and honor, Melanie Potts, what do you think of it?"

"Tell me again how it reads. I was so taken aback."

Miss Melanie virtuously refused to turn her own head.

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"'Maxwell N. Belknap, successor to Lester V. Potts.' I'll see to that. Why, I didn't even know the boy had got back."

"Neither did I. The Belknaps have naturally been so taken up with the captain that they haven't been among us much. I wonder if he'll take Confederate money."

She gave one more backward peep and drew in her head suddenly.

"I declare, Mrs. Clarke is half way out of her carriage window."

"I suppose she is taking in confirmation of Betsy's story."

"She is taking in more than confirmation. Dear Mrs. Clarke is keen on a [illegible]"

"[illegible] Mrs. Clarke" drew herself back upon the carriage seat at that moment with a sigh. The Potts girls were riding with her.

"It would have been better for him to have waited another day," she said severely. "One doesn't like to have such a thing staring one in the face when one is on the way to the grave."

Julia giggled nervously.

"Oh, not if one really were on the way to the grave to stay! But this is different, don't you think?"

"Yes, of course it's some different. I wonder if he's got any flour in stock. I am so tired of corn bread!"

"I would thank him," said Ollie, forcibly averting her eyes from the sparkling letters, "not to call himself papa's successor. Papa never sold by the small. He was a wholesale commission merchant, as you remember, Mrs. Clarke."

Mrs. Clarke surreptitiously consulted her watch as she "remembered." She really did not think there would be any disrespect to poor dear Mrs. Matthews if Robin Stokes would drive his hearse a little bit faster. In all probability, however, he was at that moment sound asleep on the box. Robin never had been known to stay awake on the box seat through anybody's funeral, but as he drove quite as well with his eyes shut as with them open nobody ever remonstrated.

Mr. Brownell brought up the rear end of the procession with little Miss Simms, the dressmaker, sitting by her side. Both women stared until the last letter of that astonishing sign was snatched from their line of vision by a turn in the road. Then Mrs. Brownell blushed guiltily.

"Thank goodness, we are the very last in line. I wouldn't have Miss Melanie know that I read every word of it for worlds. A minister's wife has to be so particular."

"Nor Mrs. Clarke either. People are so censorious. I do wonder if that boy really has brought anything late in the way of dress goods. It seems to me a century since I put scissors into a new piece of cloth."

And little Miss Simms leaned back in the carriage, with beatific visions of returning trade dancing before her pale blue eyes.

If Maxwell Belknap had set his heart on producing a stunning sensation, he had every reason to be satisfied with results. He had only aimed at a "telling ad."

Little Mrs. Matthews was laid tenderly to rest among the jasmines and roses of Cloverdell cemetery. The fresh earth above her was hidden from sight by the floral tributes of those who loved her.

Miss Melanie climbed back into her seat behind old Dandy, with a very wet handkerchief crumpled up in her hand.

"Poor, dear thing! Her troubles are all over, but I cannot help thinking how she would enjoy going to that store with us."

"Yes," Mrs. Phipps answered in that tearful manner suitable to the occasion, "I've heard her say over and over she never would have believed women could exist so long without a single place to shop in."

Miss Melanie turned Dandy's head toward the new store and gave him to understand that she expected him to display his mettle.

And for the next few hours Maxwell Belknap was as busy explaining the genesis of his store as he was in trying to satisfy the clamorous demands of women sharp set by four years of a shopless existence.

CHAPTER XXI.

[illegible] Varina has been to the store [illegible] the Mecca of all [illegible] It was also [illegible] best [illegible] and [illegible] bone [illegible] store Miss [illegible] Mrs. Phipps, who told her that [illegible] Maxwell had just been to see Miss Grosvenor, who told her that the Whitneys were about to leave for Europe [illegible] to come back.

And Miss Varina walking back toward the Wilkins place [illegible] full of bundles and her heart [illegible] in the front yard to [illegible] Reginald [illegible] sleeve [illegible]

[illegible]

"I heard some news at the store, Reggie."

"It would have been amazing if you had not, Monkey."

She flung her hand with such suddenness [illegible] fell from Reginald's [illegible] him white and trembling.

"The [illegible] start for Europe to[illegible] Grosvenor told Mrs. [illegible] and he [illegible] a voyage will benefit his wife."

[illegible] stooped, recovered his hammer and [illegible] a nail home with one [illegible] blow.

Miss Varina added plaintively:

"I do hope they won't have any bad luck crossing for—for—her—sake—Jessie's, I mean. But I dreamed about an albatross last night, and that always means a storm at sea."

"Especially if one has been reading the 'Ancient Mariner' before going to bed."

Belknap cast a grim smile at her and began examining an old picket with absorbed attention.

Miss Varina opened a second budget.

"And I heard something more at the store which I wasn't particularly overjoyed at."

"Yes?"

"Lemuel Street has come back from Virginia. Maxwell says he looks splendid. I'm very sorry."

"That Street looks well?"

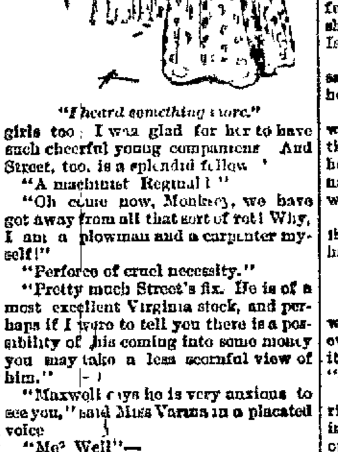
"No. That he has come back. Don't you know why, Reggie?"

"I must confess I don't."

"Can't you see how Marianne flushes at every mention of his name?"

Reginald gave her a respectful hearing now.

"That indeed! I never suspected anything of the sort. I knew that she was great friends with his sisters, also



"I heard something more."

girls too; I was glad for her to have such cheerful young companions. And Street, too, is a splendid fellow."

"A machinist, Reginald!"

"Oh, come now, Monkey, we have got away from all that sort of rot! Why, I am a plowman and a carpenter myself!"

"Perforce of cruel necessity."

"Pretty much Street's fix. He is of a most excellent Virginia stock, and perhaps if I were to tell you there is a possibility of his coming into some money you may take a less scornful view of him."

"Maxwell says he is very anxious to see you," said Miss Varina in a placated voice.

"Me? Well"—

"And there he comes now." Monkey gathered herself and her bundles up hastily. "He is just crossing the street. Oh, I beg of you, Reginald, if he has come to talk about Marianne, to be very discreet! She is so young and—"

But Lemuel was entirely too close for her to complete her sentence.

He had come to talk about Marianne, and with his usual frank directness he went straight to the point.

"Would you mind going into that old summer house with me, captain? I've got something of a yarn to spin and can't do it very well while you are standing there with that hammer in your hand looking as if you wished me in Halifax."

"Oh, the fence can wait!"

And Miss Varina, parting the dimity curtains of her upstairs bedroom, a few moments later saw both men seated in the old summer house. Lemuel was talking rapidly and earnestly. He was saying:

"When I went on with Max to look you up, captain, I had not the remotest idea of leaving my little sisters so long alone, but when I got as far as Tennessee I wrote to my uncle Isham Street—you've heard me speak of our expectations—and in reply got an invitation which almost amounted to a command to come on to Virginia.

"Uncle Isham's invitations have always carried great weight with me, and so I went. I found the old gentleman in a very bad state of health. He wanted me to stay on, and, as my sisters have told you, he died while I was there.

"When his will came to be read, it was found to contain a strange clause. If no light is thrown upon the mystery of his daughter's disappearance by next January, at which time she would have been 21, the girls and I come into all he left."

"His daughter! I thought you told me the uncle you had expectations from was childless."

"I always thought so myself until I read the will and examined the contents of the box it was in. There was a bulky package in the box done up in oilskin, and pinned to it was a letter of explanation. It is a queer story.

"It seems that nearly 21 years ago my uncle was on his way to Mexico with his wife and baby. The train was wrecked, his wife was killed, and he narrowly escaped with his life. He says he lay all bandaged and broken up, with a fierce fever consuming him, for over a week in a hospital. When he came to himself, the list of killed was shown him. It included his wife and child. The other passengers had been scattered to the four winds of heaven, all nameless to him, as railroad fellow travelers are. The letter states that the bundle in the box was among his effects when he recovered, and he had been working the slender clew they gave him all these years. It seems the hospital attendants had saved them as a treasure for him. They were some [illegible] jewelry and a pair of gold armlets taken from the dead baby's arms, also some gold buttons from its dress. My uncle states that those articles threw a doubt upon the death of his own child, but he had never been able to discover the identity of the child who wore these buttons."

"Well, if he was not able to do so all these years and was spurred on by grief at an earlier day, you are not likely to do so in these latter days, so you are reasonably sure of your inheritance," said Belknap.

"Reasonably, yes," said Street, feeling in his pocket for a parcel. "But my uncle, who was crippled for life in that accident, had to make his research by letter exclusively. He was sorely handicapped. I am going to take up the search."

Reginald interrupted him with an impatient laugh. A vision of Lemuel Street comfortably established and in position toward poverty off his dear little Marianne was not displeasing.

"Oh, see here, Street! I hope I would be as far from appropriating money that did not belong to me as any one, but look at this matter from a common sense view. How are you going to begin your search?"

"By finding out if I possibly can if any one of the name of Bascom happened to be traveling toward Mexico at that time."

"Bascom!"

The name electrified Reginald. It must always possess the power to move him strongly. He stared at Lemuel.

"Yes, Bascom. On the inside of the little gold armlets a name is engraved—'Ellen Bascom'—on the buttons, 'E. B.'—evidently the property of the same person."

He handed the parcel to Reginald, who turned the tiny gold armlets over and over, frowning at them in a perplexity that grew more dense with each second.

"Bascom," he said finally, turning a gaze of intense sadness on Lemuel, "is an old Applegate name, one that men must always love to honor. You have heard of—of—Miss Bascom's strange story?"

"Yes. Amy wrote me." Lemuel put out his hand and laid it tenderly on his friend's shoulder. "My heart ached for her—and for—you."

"Thank you—thank you, dear boy." He handed the parcel back and lifted his shoulders as if to throw off a heavy weight. "Mrs. Whitney's name was Ellen Bascom—but—it must be a mere coincidence of names. There is no one left for you even to talk over your mystification with. Bascom gone, brave friend, and the only other wearer of the name on the ocean!"

"That is what made me come to you for help."

"Come to me for help? My dear boy, don't be unreasonable. What can I do?"

"I have thought of one other."

"Yes?"

"Northcote. Hasn't he always been the family physician of the Bascoms? You can tell me how to find him."

"Yes, certainly, but there's no possibility of his following this antiquated clew up to a solution."

"I can try him at any rate," said Lemuel with decision, "for this thing means a great deal to me, captain. It means—love, success—Marianne. You knew—you know—I suppose"—

He finished under Reginald's level gaze. Belknap smiled kindly.

"I knew—I know, and, while my dear little sister is not one to demand a full purse with her lover, frankly I should rather give her to you plus Mr. Isham Street's fortune than minus it."

"I should say so. I should say so," said Lemuel, laughing gayly, and then he got up to go away.

"I don't want to see her yet. I don't want to see her until after I have talked this matter over with Northcote, and if he can see nothing but a coincidence of names I'll be safe in probating that will, won't I?"

"Quite safe," said Belknap, wringing the young machinist cordially by the hand.

CHAPTER XXII.

Anybody could have guessed that a wedding was about to come off, but everybody could not have guessed that it was what Timothy Drew called a "double barreled affair."

It was to be an afternoon church marriage, and the westering sun sent slanting rays of light straight through the open door to rest in a glorious benediction upon the flower heaped altar.

The ushers looked very smart in the dress coats that had been packed away in camphor and china balls for four stormy years as they bustled about seating the fast coming guests, with faces as smiling as if they had never been blackened by the ugly smoke of battle. There really wasn't much use for ushers, seeing that about everybody in Cloverdell was hastening toward the rose bedecked church that glorious afternoon. But ushers were a part of all well conducted weddings, even if they found nothing to do.

Nevertheless Baxter Thatcher, the man in charge of the center aisle, was seen to dart quickly to the porch of the church and to lay his hands on two very shabby coat collars.

The coats belonged to two old men who, by token of the dust upon their downtrodden shoes, must have footed it many a weary mile. One of them carried his left arm in a sling, and if his tattered old army cap had not been drawn down well over his brow you might have seen an ugly scar over his left eye. The other one wore smoked spectacles of that hideous green hue which everybody instinctively turns from in disgust, and his gray beard swept the bosom of his soiled vest down to its last buttonhole. Buttons it had none. Both wore faded blue army overcoats—that "Yankee" blue which at that period of time was a veritable red rag to the folk who had met it in combat and come out second best.

It must have been the blue overcoats that set Thatcher so violently against the two old men at a first glance. They were so meek of aspect that his tart unction seemed altogether unwarranted. In fact, it has even been asserted since that he slowly but inexorably impelled them backward with his strong hands until they stood on the very outskirts of the curbstone gathering that collects on all such occasions.

"You can't come inside, my friends," he said peremptorily. "You must satisfy your curiosity from the sidewalk."

And on the sidewalk they found themselves in another minute. They walked a little away apart, seemingly not caring to risk a second rebuff at the hands of the curbstone guests. Then the old man with the long beard turned to his armless companion with a triumphant gleam in his eyes, which was entirely lost behind the green goggles he wore.

"Well, Rip, old boy, are you ready to pay that wager?"

"Not yet, Van. The test is not complete."

"I tell you our own daughters wouldn't own us."

"You, no! But I hope I'm not the monstrosity you are."

"Only a dozen times worse, and I'll leave it to any impartial judge."

The two old blue overcoats shook with the suppressed chuckles of the two old men inside of them.

"There isn't a toss up between us, old boy, but we'll try for that impartial judge. Who shall it be?"

"Hey, there, you, Mr. What's-your-name, step this way, please."

The old man with the long beard had suddenly lifted his voice to send this invitation toward Timothy Drew, who was hobbling past in a tremendous hurry for fear he would be late at the wedding.

Timothy turned a sour face toward the shabby strangers who had seated themselves on the curbstone on the opposite side of the street. He hesitated and glanced from them toward the fast filling church. The clock in the steeple allowed him ten minutes. These "old snappies couldn't have much to say," and Tim still stood in secret awe of Yankee blue. He crossed over and said shortly:

"Well, gents?"

The armless old man opened the conversation in answer to Tim's "Well?"

"What is the name of your town, Mr. What's-your-name?"

"My name is Drew, sir, and the name of this town is Cloverdell."

"Send any rebs to the army?"

Timothy hoped he was not giving any of the boys away, but he answered very vigorously, holding his stiff old back proudly:

"Every mother's son went except me and one or two other worn out old bummers."

"Did they? More fools they."

"I'd rather you wouldn't talk disrespectful of them, gents. We folks down this way think everything of them, especially them as didn't come back. As soon as we get our bearings good we are going to raise a monument to them."

"To whom?"

"To Merriman Bascom and to little Potts—two different sorts of heroes, but both of 'em victims to what they called their duty."

"More fools they," said the armless old man, after a queer pause, during which he seemed to find some difficulty in breathing.

"Who is going to be married over yonder?"

The goggled old man turned his face toward the church, where a fresh batch of arrivals was just being put down.

"Four makes two today," said Tim, with a grin at his own wit. "One of the high contracting parties is the luckiest dog ever I heard of. Went out at the eleventh hour, like the laborer in the Bible, and made more by it than them that bore the heat and burden of the day. Got in some good work at Appomattox, was lucky enough to find a man that owed him a pile of money, came home and is going to be married today to the girl he loves. Street's in luck."

"Who is the girl?"

"Miss Belknap."

"Any relation to Captain Belknap?"

"Look here, what do you know about our boys? By token of them blue overcoats you must 'a' been on opposite sides."

"We might have been that and yet fought in the same battles."

"Yes, of course, of course. Then maybe you might have known something about the colonel?"

"Colonel who? Colonels were as thick as cowpeas on both sides the line." The man without an arm drew his shabby old cap still farther over his brow as he asked this question.

Old Timothy Drew bared his gray hairs to the breeze.

"The colonel. Our colonel. The best and bravest man that ever trod shoe leather. Merriman Bascom by name."

"No, I don't know anything about him. I say, old man, you had better be getting back to the church if you want a high seat on the right side of the ribbon."

Timothy took the advice thus gruffly given very willingly, only asking one question in his turn:

"Are you gents prospecting round here with a view to settling? Land's going to be awful cheap."

"Rather early to answer that question. I say that must be one of the brides. White cockades and all that on the horses' heads." The three started down the road. Timothy hobbled away as fast as he could go. The two old men sat quite still.

"How soon we are forgot," said the man with only one arm to his companion. The old man with the long beard turned on him sharply.

"I don't see that you've been forgotten so soon. Old Tim never bared his head so reverently before you in life."

"But the monument is to be to both of us."

And the old army overcoats shook again.

"Just like them. The Cloverdell people always were great on sacrificing themselves to a sentiment. The idea of wasting any money on a stone to me!"

"Not so loud, Potts—that is, if you are going through with this thing."

"We've gone through with it pretty well already, haven't we? Thatcher pushed us out of the church, and old Tim tells us about the monument our townspeople are going to erect to us—"

"It does seem as if that ought to settle the wager, but do you know, old boy, I can conceive of a ghost rather enjoying a visit to his folks in this world without danger of recognition. It gives him the best chance in the world to find out who would be glad and who sorry to have him back."

"It has its advantages, but then the ghost gets the better of a man every time. He can slip away without explanations. Now, if I was coming back with a scar over my eye to bear witness to my having been knocked out in a square fight I could hold up my head and tell the story of the last three years with some spunk, but a miserable old blear eyed prison bummer crawling home with a broken constitution and a ruined stomach—bah!"

"If it hadn't been for you, old friend, when a kind Providence sent me to the same prison, where would I have been today?"

"Fudge! We've talked that point to ravelings. How about that song you were to sing in front of the Potts house while I carried around the hat? By Jove, Bascom, how you used to fetch the tears in the prison yard with that 'Tenting on the Old Camp Ground!'"

"To Merriman Bascom and to little Potts."

"Do you think you can go through with it?"

"Yes. Let us carry out the whole programme and wind up at the wedding supper."

"We haven't got a wedding garment between us."

"Thatcher might fit us out. Didn't he look tremendously swell?"

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EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in Congress in the Twenty-seventh District, subject to the rules of the Republican party and to the decision of the district conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.

Bradford, Pa., February 28, 1898.

HON. C. W. STONE carried Elk county last Saturday.

THE Port Allegany Reporter is seeking notoriety by using libelous language in reference to the candidates on the Republican ticket. The Reporter's ill-will is a boost for any candidate.—Bradford Era

JOHN P. HOLLAND'S submarine torpedo boat is a complete surprise to all who have had an opportunity to view its marvelous workings. An exchange states that last Saturday it made a run of a mile under water in a rough sea. This boat would be a terror to any Spanish war vessel that might come prowling around New York city.

THE report reached here early yesterday afternoon that some unknown scoundrel had attempted to assassinate President McKinley by sending an infernal machine to the White House. Fortunately it was detected before any harm was done. Later a telegram was received announcing that Spain had not waited for the ultimatum sent but had tendered Minister Woodford his passports and declared war, ordering the navy to proceed to Havana. This started Uncle Sam's blood to boiling and the fleets at Key West and Hampton Roads received orders to proceed to Havana and blockade that harbor at once.

THE St. James Gazette, one of London's leading journals, hits the nail squarely on the head in a few brief words, as follows: "It is exasperating to those of us who wish peace and the end in Cuba of Spanish misrule to see American passion throwing away what American statesmanship has won." From the beginning President McKinley and his able counselors have striven to avoid war, while impetuous jingoes who do not for a moment stop to consider the terrible suffering and loss of life that war would produce persist in having the government rush pell mell into a strife that might involve the entire continent of Europe as well as the western hemisphere

AS USUAL about this time of the year the Prohibitionists are baiting their hooks, striving to catch Republican candidates. But it will not work. Last year these would-be reformers nominated a Prohibition ticket and afterwards insulted their own nominees by attempting to inveigle Republican candidates into indorsing their platform with the veiled promise of Prohibition support at the polls. A candidate for Assembly on the Democratic ticket fell a victim to their blandishments and he was delegated to stay at home for his kindness. Stick to your nominees and do not insult them after they are on your ticket by flirting with the nominees of other parties.

THAT Editor Lillibridge will make an effort to become a Democratic candidate for Assembly cannot be doubted when one reads the brilliant editorial of last week assailing the character and standing of T. F. Richmond and R. A. Dempsey. There is no question that he has a good sized Assembly bee buzzing in his bonnet and that he has the shade of some disappointed free silver office seeker in his back yard, who daily grooms the doughty editor of "Canoe Place" for legislative honors and is giving him pointers on how not to get elected. No one need be surprised to see this brilliant advocate of the doctrine of anything-to-win, shying his castor into the Democratic camp and seeking the nomination for Assembly. He has sized up our candidates and to him everything seems to wear the lurid glow of victory. But ere the race is ended he will discover that "all is not gold that glitters."

It is very gratifying to read the editorials of the Reporter in which Editor Lillibridge jumps upon the Republican party in the State for alleged malfeasance in office and betrayal of the high and honorable trusts placed in their hands. He seems to forget the fact that four years of his own party's control of national affairs were so dishonorable and disgraceful that they did not dare inculcate into the national platform of 1896 a single plank of their platform of 1892. They seem to burn all bridges that connect them with the past, eliminating from their platform, everything that they had stood by for years and starting off on an entirely new plan—damning the chief executive of the nation, as well as the supreme court, and hating their past record worse than satan hates holy water. This is the class that assumed to lay down the law to guide the Republican party of Pennsylvania. [illegible] a guide board they point the way, [illegible] unable to travel thereto them[illegible]

THEN AND NOW.

If a person would take the pains to peruse the history of our country during the trying times of 1861 and 1865 he would readily see the difference in the situation that confronted Abraham Lincoln and those that confront William McKinley at the present time. Lincoln found the nation with a dismantled navy, a disrupted army with most of its officers gone southward to take up arms against their own government that had educated and nurtured them, a treasury depleted and robbed, with no credit abroad, being unable to borrow a dollar from the monied men of Europe.

Traitors within and without, Mr. Lincoln knew not whom to trust. When United States Senators and Congressmen would arise from their desks and denounce the legally elected President of the United States as the Rail-splitter of the West, using the vilest expressions imaginable to fling in the face of the noble man who had taken up the emblem of authority only to lay it down with the ending of his life, when the sweet angel of peace once more rested above what then in very truth it proved to be, as it never had been before, the flag of the free. Such was the condition of things that confronted Mr. Lincoln.

On the other hand, we find Mr. McKinley at the helm of the ship of State with an united country; a Congress unanimously tendering the President $50,000,000 to use in maintaining the nation's honor; a navy manned by men who have no superiors in the world and who never allowed Old Glory to be lowered to a foe, when the chances were anywhere near equal; with an army of over 100,000 trained men and millions more ready to respond to the nation's call to secure freedom and liberty to all.

What a difference in the two pictures. Lincoln had to feel his way like a man in the dark, while McKinley can boldly call upon the whole nation if he so desires, and they would respond almost to a man and come to the nation's rescue if occasion demanded.

THE resolutions published in last week's issue were agreed to by both houses of Congress last Tuesday with this addition:

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

The resolutions were signed last Wednesday by President McKinley, and a copy with a 48 hour ultimatum to vacate Cuba given to Spain. Spain's answer will not be received until to-morrow noon. The Spanish minister at Washington promptly asked for his passports which were as promptly furnished him. Spain tendered passports to Gen. Woodford, our minister to Madrid, and he has taken his departure, leaving our interests in the hands of the British minister. Spain's position is such that she will be forced to make a show of fighting in order to maintain the regency. Any weakness at this time shown by the queen regent would set the war element to shouting for Don Carlos the Spanish pretender and these turbulent spirits would flock to his standard in such numbers that the young king would be forced to abdicate and flee into exile.

STRANGE how careful some editors are to constantly show their loyalty to the saloon. There's Olson of the MINER. He dare not refuse the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union the use of his paper through which to reach several saloon voters. But, to balance matters, Olson runs an article alongside the W. C. T. U. column of about the same length of matter directly opposed to the uplifting work of the Union. This is noticeable in the MINER of the 18th of March and again on April 1st.—Kane Leader.

'Tis strange how correct you are in your report, as to dates. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. requested space for their prohibition articles, which was granted. A little over a month ago an honorable person requested space to publish an answer, from a scientific standpoint, to the articles published by the W. C. T. U. This request was also granted and the articles published. If the prohibition question, as conducted by the estimable ladies composing the W. C. T. U., is so weak that it cannot stand a little argument, why it had better be laid aside. The MINER is not so bigoted as to decline giving space to both sides of a question, as long as the arguing parties remain within the bounds of decency.

A GOOD MAN FOR GOVERNOR.

The three leading candidates for the Republican nomination for governor, Hons. William A. and Charles W. Stone and John Wanamaker, have warm supporters in this county but the Republican believes that the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone would give more general satisfaction to the Republicans of Clinton county than either of the other gentlemen mentioned. He has kept free from the factional strife that has been waging in the Republican party of the State and this fact alone would be a strong factor to bring about harmony, thus enabling the party to present a united front to the enemy.

Mr. Stone is no stranger to public life and in all his positions of trust has been true to the people and their best interests. With a man like C. W. Stone at the head of the ticket the Republicans of Pennsylvania would march to victory.

The Clinton Republican thus very properly sums up the governorship question. Hon. C. W. Stone would be acceptable to every Republican in the State.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

There is, after all, nothing like stern reality to take the gilt off a popular or unpopular idea. For the last month the quiet citizens of Portsmouth, Va., have been more or less annoyed by the many loud-mouthed men who insisted on making it known generally that their voices were for war. Now, it happens that some thirty odd years ago Virginia had an attack of the war fever, with the result that a great many of her worthy sons shouldered their muskets and went off, never to return.

Bearing this fact in mind the city council of Portsmouth decided to see whether the people really wanted war. Immediately a recruiting officer was brought to the place, a sign hung out and the council ordered a poll of the citizens. The day before the arrival of the recruiting officer the streets were full of men howling for war. The day after the appearance of the officer only three men wanted war; and two days later these three men had declined to enlist—and that is the reason the war is ended, so far as Portsmouth, Va., is concerned.—Exchange.

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INTERESTING HISTORY.

As there is so much talk of war and of sending our fleets and armies to Havana, below is a little bit of ancient history dating back 137 years when the soldiers of the infant colonies, 15 years before they declared their independence, stood shoulder to shoulder with those of King George III of England, stormed and captured Morro Castle, in the harbor of Havana. The article is taken from the Philadelphia Sunday Times and gives a vivid description of the hardships our soldiers and sailors would be compelled to endure, owing to the climate:

By the first of June the armament consisted of 13,500 soldiers, eleven battleships of the line and five frigates. The re-enforcements from the colonies were hourly expected, so Pococke weighed anchor and boldly sailing through the Bermuda Straits, came on the 6th of June in sight of Havana. That place was defended by the celebrated Morro Castle, manned by 4,600 Spaniards, under the command of Don Luis de Velasco. In the harbor of Havana there were twelve battleships of the line and four frigates. Fearing to venture too close to the guns of the Castle, Pococke drew a cordon of ships around the harbor, and contented himself with keeping up a blockade of the port until the colonial recruits should arrive. On the first of July they arrived, under the command of General Lyman. On the 2nd they landed at points west and east of Havana, just far enough to be beyond the reach of the Castle's guns, and then the siege began.

The weather was fearfully hot, provisions spoiled, water was scarce and bad. A strange disease, that struck down strong men in a few hours, assailed the soldiers. Others wasted away to skeletons and died, while a loathsome disease seized still others. They died by the hundreds each day. The hungry vultures darkened the air and scratched up the shallow-buried bodies. Corpses floated in the sea for leagues around. Of the 914 colonists who left New York with General Lyman, 181 died of the plague.

But notwithstanding these discouraging events, the siege went steadily on. Admiral Pococke kept up a continual fire on the Spanish ships, but his guns were too light to venture near the harbor, and he did little or no damage. At last matters grew so desperate that a council of war was held, and it was determined to storm Morro Castle. The morning of July 30, 1762, dawned with a heavy fog lowering over Havana and wrapping the bay. The hour had come to strike. Admiral Pococke drew up his line of battle and cleared for action. A favorable wind sprang up and at 10 o'clock he bore down on the Spanish ships, firing broadsides. In the meantime the land forces were preparing to storm Morro Castle Lord Albemarle commanded in person. In the storming party were young Lord Howe, afterwards celebrated as the commander of the British in the war of the Revolution; Count Tarleton, afterward infamous as the oppressor of the Southern colonies, and brave old Israel Putnam, who was then a very young man and a very daring one. Lord Albemarle, at the sound of Pococke's guns demanded the surrender of the Castle. To that the gallant Don Luis de Velasco smilingly replied that if his lordship wished it he must take it, assuring him that so long as life lasted he would continue to give him the reception befitting a Spanish gentleman of his rank. The charge was sounded. The invaders sprang forward, headed by Putnam and the soldiers from the colonies on the left, with two Devonshire regiments at center and right. The guns of the castle reserved their fire until the assailants reached the first escarpment. Then they belched forth a rain of shot and shell that tore lanes through the assailants. The Spanish fusiliers opened at short range with deadly aim, and the ground was covered with the dead. Reforming behind an embankment, the charge sounded again and again the brave assailants sprang forward. The guns of the Castle were well served and did frightful execution, but the English pressed on and gained a lodgment in the second parapet. During this time Pococke's guns were playing on the Spanish warships. The fire of the Castle was drawn by the land attack and he pressed the enemy hard. Two ships of the line were blown up or sunk and the others were hugging the shore. At this juncture the old Admiral turned his heavier guns on the Castle, and while the stormers had gained the second escarpment his shot began to pelt the sea side of the Castle. Thus encouraged the assailants, now reinforced by the arrival of fresh troops, renewed the assault. The Spaniard's powder ran short and the day was evidently going against them, but through it all Don Luis de Velasco moved calm and self-possessed, animating his men to fight to the death. Wielding the butt end of a musket, he fought hand to hand with the assailants, who were now swarming into the Castle, until a pistol shot and a bayonet thrust laid him mortally wounded at the entrance. When he fell the Spanish soldiers gave up the fight and at 2 o'clock the cross of St. George floated from Morro Castle.

AVOID THE BLUNDER OF 1890.

The question that remains to be decided is whether Senator Quay's wisdom is equal to his power. If it is, he will relinquish his ability to dictate a nomination and allow the delegates to vote their preferences. If not he will yield to Andrews, as he did in 1890, and with the same result—a revolt that will shake his machine and the Republican party in the State to its foundations. The sign indicating that power is dearer to him than wisdom is the activity of his Democratic friends in stirring up old and new dissensions in the Democracy. But against this is set the warning of Dr. Swallow's candidacy on the platform "Thou shalt not steal!" Two years ago the national Republican party carried Pennsylvania by a majority approximating 300,000. Four years ago its majority was 240,000. This year the result is in doubt, because the leaders have become insolent, have arrogated to themselves the power of the people and suppressed the popular will, as expressed in two State platforms. Control of the coming State convention by the same arbitrary power will go far to resolve that doubt toward the certainty of defeat.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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HOW THEY STOOD.

The following Washington dispatch to the Pittsburg Times shows how the Congressmen in the Pennsylvania delegation stood on the Senate resolutions and the effort necessary to bring them in line to support the administration:

Senator Quay's friends are saying to-night that he did not ask any Republican Representatives from Pennsylvania to vote for the Senate Cuban resolution. "The Senator only said that he would be pleased to see the House adopt the Senate resolutions," said Representative Kulp. "He did not ask anyone to vote for them." This is a rather subtle distinction, and while this was no doubt what the Senator himself said, there were others among his friends who did not use such diplomatic language. They said the Pennsylvania Senators wanted to be upheld in their support of the Senate resolutions. It is even said that Senator Quay was reported to have his heart set upon this indorsement by the Republicans in the House from Pennsylvania, and that he would also ask the State convention for its indorsement.

Be all this as it may, the thing did not work. There being some doubt as to how the Republicans on the Pennsylvania delegation might line up, Representatives Dalzell, Robbins and others went to work to see how they stood. All that could be found, 21 in number, were seen this morning, and a conference held. Representative Arnold presided and he called on each member to express his views. Among the first called on were Messrs. Robbins, Acheson, Hicks and Mahon. The first three had been counted on for the Senate resolutions, but they came out strong against them. Mr. Mahon made a very hot speech against the resolutions and said this was the time for Republicans to stand together by the President and their party. These speeches made quite an impression. Mr. Williams was the first to say that he was for the Senate resolutions, and was followed by Mr. Davenport. The latter was called upon for his reasons and was the principal speaker on that side. Col. W. A. Stone was among the last and said he was for the Senate resolutions, but gave no reason. Mr. Dalzell told the conference the policy that had been decided upon by the Republican leaders of the House and made an eloquent appeal for party unity at this most important crisis.

It was shown that of the 21 present, only W. A. Stone, Davenport and Young were for the Senate resolutions and Mr. Williams said, after he had heard the sentiments of the meeting, that he was a Republican at all times and would stand by his party's policy. The whole attempt to win the Representatives over to the Senate resolutions then flattened out and when the vote was taken Messrs. W. A. Stone, Davenport and Young fell into line, and the 28 Pennsylvania Republicans present voted to strike out the recognition of independence. Col. W. A. Stone had some very plain talk given him. Several members told him that if he voted against the President and the party's policy his political doom was sealed. He and Mr. Davenport had been the principal movers in favor of the Senate resolutions, and the fact that they are candidates for office caused their course to be very severely commented upon. It was doubtless the indignation which was aroused which now leads Senator Quay's friends to claim that beyond expressing a wish that the House would agree with the Senate, he made no attempt to influence the Pennsylvania delegation.

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Notice in Divorce.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF M'KEAN COUNTY.

Annie D. Miller vs. Martin F. Miller. } No. 71, Dec. Term, 1897.

To the above named respondent:—

You are hereby notified that I have been appointed examiner to take testimony in the case above entitled, and to make report thereof to the Court, and that I will attend to the duties of my appointment at my office, in the Backus building, Smethport, Pa., on Monday, April [illegible], 1898, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and six o'clock p. m.

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Fred [illegible], Union House, Nos. 175 and 177 Main street; residence same.

P. J. [illegible], [illegible] House, Nos. 127 and 129 Main street; residence same.

Martin [illegible], [illegible] House, Nos. 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 [illegible] street; residence same.

M. M. [illegible], Henderson Hotel, corner of Webster and Corydon streets, No. 16 Webster; residence same.

F. P. [illegible], [illegible] House, northwest corner Main and Davis streets; residence same.

C. E. [illegible], Bay State Hotel, Nos. 73 and 75 Main street; residence same.

Clyde H. [illegible] and Lewis A. Coleman, Industry Hotel, Nos. 17 and 19 Davis street; residence same.

Mary McB[illegible], Opera House, Nos. 39 and 41 Main street; residence same.

Patrick McNamara, Carey House, Nos. 13 and 15 Webster street; residence same.

P. Hubgreen, [illegible] House, Nos. 124 and 126 Mechanic street; residence same.

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Bradford City—Third Ward.

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Sarah L. Devine, Rochester House, Nos. 155, 157 and 159 East Main street; residence same.

Bradford City—Sixth Ward.

Edward Ryan and Patrick Keane, Tuna Valley House, No. 411 East Main street, residence same.

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Foster Township.

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Kane Borough—First Ward.

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Kane Borough—Second Ward.

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Andrew J. Connolly, Hotel Connolly, west side of Pearl street. Residence same.

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Smethport Borough.

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Willis R. Provin, Commercial House, north side of Main street corner of Franklin street, No. 125 Main street. Residence same.

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Eldred Borough.

John A. [illegible], Gull House, Railroad street, opposite the W. N. Y. & P. R'y depot. Residence Eldred borough.

Eldred Township.

Charles Adams, Chadwick House, opposite W. N. Y. & P. R'y depot at Larabee. Residence same.

Kane Borough—Second Ward.

Newton C. [illegible], [illegible] Restaurant, basement of the John Block, corner of Fraley and Field streets. Residence second ward.

Port Allegany Borough.

P. H. Kilday, Pearl Street Restaurant, southwest corner of Maple and Pearl streets. Residence Port Allegany borough.

J. D. Swallow, Allegany Restaurant, south side of Mill street, being No. 22 Mill street. Residence Port Allegany.

Smethport Borough.

Alfred H. Pierce, Jr., south side of Water street. Residence Smethport, Pa.

Thomas S. Young, Novelty Restaurant, north side of Main street. Residence Smethport, Pa.

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Eldred Borough.

Amanda E. [illegible], west side of railroad. Residence Eldred borough, Pa.

Kane Borough—Second Ward.

A. C. Snyder, southeast corner of Haines and Fraley streets. Residence second ward.

Port Allegany Borough.

Frank D. [illegible], west side of Barrett alley. Residence Port Allegany borough, Pa.

Smethport Borough.

Abe S. [illegible], south side of Water street opposite of house No. 83 at the foot of Franklin street. Residence Smethport borough, Pa.

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GEO. W. [illegible], Clerk.

Smethport, Pa., April 12th, 1898.

Notice to Take Testimony in Divorce.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF M'KEAN COUNTY.

Nancy A. Varney vs. Frank H. Varney. } No. 22, June Term, 1897.

To Nancy A. Varney, plaintiff, and Frank H. Varney, defendant, in above case:—

You are hereby notified that I, T. F. Richmond, having been duly appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, as Commissioner to take testimony in the above action of divorce, pending in said Court, will attend to the duties of my said appointment at my office in the Backus block, in Smethport borough, McKean county, Pa., on Wednesday, the [illegible] day of April, 1898, between the hours of [illegible] o'clock a. m. and [illegible] o'clock p. m. of said day, when and where you may be present if you deem proper.

T. F. RICHMOND, Commissioner.

P. R. COTTER, Att'y for Plaintiff.

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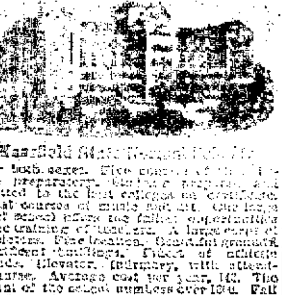

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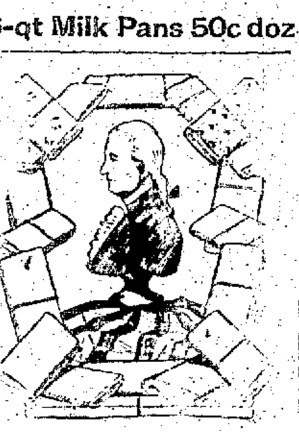

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 22, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Brighter days for Smethport.

—See the Central Dressmaking ad. in another column.

—Read the article in the W. C. T. U. column this week.

—The list of license applicants appears in another column.

—Between 40 and 50 Eldredites were in attendance at court yesterday.

—Robert King has a very fine greenhouse of which he is justly proud.

—Dame rumor has started the report that there is a wedding on the tapis.

—Chris Walp, formerly of Colegrove, orders his MINER sent Roulette, Pa.

—"To whom thy secret thou dost tell, to him thy freedom thou dost sell."—Ex.

—Byron Badger has constructed a new sidewalk in front of his residence on East street.

—The cheese factory started up last Monday morning at Coryville under most flattering prospects.

—The Bradford bar was well represented at court this week. Almost every member was present.

—A. L. Colegrove has had a bath room and other improvements made in his residence on Water street.

—Prof. E. Houseworth, eye specialist, will be at the store of M. L. Armstrong, Friday, May 7th. See adv.

—Leonard Koenig is engaged in building an addition to his shop which will be used as an upholstering department.

—The lecture given by Miss Dock at the opera house Wednesday night had a fair attendance, but rain kept many away.

—Watch your sewers and see that they are kept open or the board of health will get after you and it may be more expensive.

—Last Sunday's Bradford Post contained a fine half tone cut of the prominent lumberman, G. W. Campbell of Kane.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Colegrove are enjoying the salubrious climate at Colegrove and getting accustomed to life on the farm.

—Ere three weeks pass by a great change will appear in our town. Those now idle will be supplied with work at reasonable wages.

—Clayte Backus has been granted a patent on his locking coat-hook, through the agency of C. A. Snow & Company of Washington, D. C.

—In the obituary of A. P. Brewer an error occurred in the name of the lady he married. It should have been Miss Helen Haven, instead of Colegrove.

—The chicken-pie supper given by the W.R.C. last Tuesday was not as well patronized as it should have been, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

—George W. Burdick of Norwich celebrated his 78th birthday last Sunday. Several of his old-time friends were present to partake of a trout dinner.

—Geo. W. King has finished the improvements on his building and premises at East Smethport and he now has a very neat and attractive looking place.

—Lambert Wagner was released from jail Monday under the insolvent act, and Tuesday Jerry Robinson and Jake Gengel were discharged by this route.

—A well-to-do man that will climb a hill to borrow a paper of a poor woman, who pays for it in washing, deserves a place in history with the fellow who used a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button.—Potter Democrat.

—[illegible] office at Smethport for the week ending April 16: John Gilson, Mrs. Nellie McDowell, James Richards, Geo. E. Hance, Martin Ross.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday evening the rector will preach on "The Resurrection of the Body; Burial and Cremation." Services at 8 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.

—On Wednesday J. W. Brennan sold his grist mill on Water street to J. H. Green of Colegrove. Mr. Green took possession the same day and has retained the services of Chas. Lent.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox says in one of her latest poems: "I have looked straight into the hearts of men." Such being the case there is no question but what Ella has seen some strange sights.

—The Commercial House, W. V. Provin, proprietor, after undergoing extensive repairs presents a very attractive and comfortable appearance. See card in another column and give Mr. Provin a call.

—At a meeting of the Kane base ball team of the Elk league held on Monday evening, "a motion was made and carried that H. E. Tull of Smethport be engaged for a period of three weeks to coach the home team and to pitch whenever called upon."

—A prominent attorney said this morning that the law against wearing badges of orders of which the wearer is not a member is so stringent that a person not an Irishman who wears a shamrock on St. Patrick's day may be arrested.—Record.

—The Smethport Glee Club is promoting a movement of the citizens of the town toward observing Memorial Day with proper public exercises. The Club proposes to give a benefit for the Decoration Day fund at Kittredge opera house during the week of May 1st.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following subjects next Sunday: In the morning, "Emmaus, or Jesus our Guide and Inspiration;" evening "Christian's Integrity, or Jesus our Guide and Inspiration," the first of a series of sermons to young people, preached on Sunday evenings.

—The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robarts was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Saturday. The occasion was in honor of the 86th birthday of C. B. Robarts' mother, Mrs. Phoebe Robarts. A number of out-of-town relatives were present. Mrs. Robarts is very bright and active for one of her years.—Ceres Mail.

—Mrs. Sallie Swanson, for six years an inmate of the county house, died at that place Tuesday. She has been confined to her bed for a number of years and death was a relief to her. She came from Mt. Jewett, and has a daughter living in Jamestown. The Swedish Mission church of this place had charge of the funeral.

—Ernest A. Hummel, a manufacturing jeweler of St. Paul, claims to have invented a device which will send photographs over thousands of miles of telegraph wire. Mr. Hummel has made three tests recently which prove that a photograph can be sent over the wires as far as words and with remarkable accuracy.—Ex.

—An Atchison (Kan.) schoolboy, upon being ordered by his teacher to write a composition in verse concerning his native State, sized up the situation as follows: "Kansas is the State the grasshoppers ate, where the cyclone blows careless and free, where the jackrabbit hops and the Populist yaps, still the State's pretty good for to see."

—Wm. Orton, formerly of Bradford township, died at the poor farm on Monday last, aged nearly 88 years. He has been an inmate of the county house since 1892 and for a long time has been a sufferer from asthma, although old age and a general breaking down was the cause of his death. He was buried Wednesday morning, Rev. J. H. McCandless officiating.

—Mrs. Cleveland recently had a new set of photographs taken, the first time she has been photographed since leaving the White House, and has given them to Mr. Bok, with permission to publish them in the Ladies' Home Journal, where they will be publicly seen for the first time. The set also includes the first authoritative photographs published of the new Princeton home of the Clevelands.

—Work is progressing on the addition to the planing mill to be used by Squires, Robinson & Co., one of Eldred's new and important industries. When completed the building will be 58x80 feet—half of it two stories. In addition to this one of the Ridgway dry kilns will be erected besides two store houses, each about 100 feet long. When the machinery is in, which will be as soon as possible, at least 50 men will be given steady work.—Eagle.

—Three of our twelve-year-old youths started out for Cuba on Monday with one revolver for the crowd. They got as far as Knoxville and stopped to take in the sights. Parents of one of them hearing where they were drove down and got them. This is what comes of the "peace at any price" policy. Otherwise Westfield might, at this time, have had a trio of patriots at the proposed seat of war and the Cuban question have been greatly simplified.—Westfield Free Press.

—Julius Hornlein and Miss Mame Carmody were married Wednesday forenoon at the Lutheran church in Olean. Miss Minnie Barrett acted as bridesmaid and Edward Tanner of Farmers Valley, a cousin of the groom, as best man. The happy couple will take in Buffalo and Niagara ere they return home. The MINER extends heartfelt congratulations to the happy couple and trusts that their journey through life may be full of happiness and little responsibilities.

—Last Thursday night closed a year's service of W. P. Eckels as Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery of Bradford. Last Friday he exhibited to the writer a beautiful Eminent Commander's jewel, presented to him by his brother Templars, that for beauty and design of workmanship excels anything we have ever seen in that line. It is a token of appreciation that the most exalted might be proud to wear. Mr. Eckels feels justly pleased over his beautiful jewel.

—The home merchant is the man who gives you credit when you have no cash to buy the necessaries of life. The home merchant is the man who helps you pay the taxes that run your schools and build your roads. The home merchant is the man to whom you will appeal in times of distress for favors. Then why should you ignore him when you desire to make a purchase? He sells as good goods at as low figure as the man who is not from your town. The hills look green far away.—Ex.

—Henry Brock of Buffalo, who was one of the Mullin party of gold seekers, was reported dead. It was said in letters received here from different members of the party that Brock became discouraged while traveling over the Chilkoot pass and that he turned back and was one of the victims to the awful avalanche in the pass. This is not true. Brock is in Dyea engaged in business. He has been heard from and is safe and in good health. He was caught in the avalanche but in a part of the pass where he did not receive any particularly bad effects from it.—Bradford Era.

—Cal Wagner, late of Bradford, who formerly ran the Option in this city, was in Olean yesterday on his way to Hampton Roads. He has accepted a position as engineer in the U. S. navy and expects to receive an assignment on some warship as soon as he reaches his destination. Mr. Wagner has served four years in the United States Navy.—Bradford Times.

—Last Monday night about 9 o'clock some of our quiet burghers were somewhat disturbed by an altercation, which led to blows between the chief justice of East Smethport and Benjamin Terwilliger of lower Main street. The doughty Ben got in some upper cuts, which caused the carmine to flow from the proboscis of the leading politician of the east end. Only for the intervention of friends the judicial function of our suburb would have been laid up for repairs.

—The 79th anniversary and reunion of Odd Fellows will be celebrated at DuBois April 26th, by the Northwestern Central District Association and promises to be the greatest and most successful event since its organization. The great parade at 1 p. m. will be a grand, spectacular feature of the day's program. For the benefit of those who wish to attend the B. R. & P. Ry. has named extremely low excursion rates from all points on its line—Bradford to Punxsutawney, including Clearfield and Curwensville, and in addition to the regular service returning arrangements are being made for special trains to leave DuBois about midnight for Bradford, Ridgway, Clearfield and Punxsutawney.

—The following is a list of nine classes of people that do a town no good: First, those who go out of town to do trading. Second, those who oppose improvements. Third, those who prefer a quiet town to one of push and business. Fourth, those who think business can be done slyly and without advertising. Fifth, those who decide public spirited men. Sixth, those who oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves. Seventh, those who oppose any public enterprise that does not appear to benefit them. Eighth, those who seek to injure the credit of an individual. Ninth, the loafers who hang around the hotels and ridicule and talk about people who pass on the street.—Ex.

—The constables throughout the State are receiving a circular from the State commissioners of forestry, calling attention to two acts passed by the last legislature, making constables ex-officio fire wardens. They must report to court the first week of quarter sessions of any or no forest or timberland fires. If they extinguish any fires they will be compensated at 16 cents per hour, and assistants will recive 12 cents an hour. Any person who is called upon to act as an assistant must either serve or undergo a fine and imprisonment. No county is to pay more than $300 in one year for such work. One-half of the amount for such work is to be paid for by the county and the other half by the State.—Renovo Record.

—Through the kindness of Frank Baker we are able to furnish some items of interest to the general reader in relation to the new glass plant. The plans and specifications shown us are as follows: The building for the melting and blow furnaces will be 72x120 feet with an addition 33x60 feet with truss roof, facing Water street. There is one 20-man house and two blow furnaces in this building. Back of this building will be erected an immense structure 120 feet square. This building will contain two large ovens 25x61 feet, to be used for tempering, and the cutting room. At the side there will be three other smaller buildings used for box factory, crushing room, stock room and boiler and engine house. Mr. Baker will put in bids for the erection of these buildings and it is to be hoped that he will secure the contract. The aim of the new company seems to be give employment to native labor.

A Fine Entertainment.

It is doubtful if Kittredge opera house ever contained a more pleased audience than that which greeted the little performers last Tuesday night with hearty applause. Miss Bessie Taylor is deserving of the highest praise for the patience and care she exhibited in getting her young pupils under such perfect control.

Under the circumstances no more fitting and pleasing effect could have been produced for an opening piece than the one selected—a military drill by sixteen boys. They did well for beginners in the art of war and captured the audience, clearly demonstrating that the spirit of chivalry is abroad in the land and all partake of the martial spirit. Zela Brasted sang "My Beautiful Irish Maid," in a remarkably rich and clear voice for one so young. Paul Quinlisk's impromptu, "Which kitten are you going to drown?" was the masterpiece of the whole evening and was greeted with rounds of applause. Herbie Yerdon will make an orator, as he recited "When Maria Jane is Mayor," in clear and distinct tones that could be heard all over the hall.

Beulah Chambers sang "Sweet Bunch of Daisies," in a remarkably sweet voice. Harry Sasee, "didn't do a ting," but capture the audience in his impersonation of a tramp. He is a good one. The Keystone Sextette played a serenade in a pleasing manner and was recalled as was also the Mandolin Club. Both rendered excellent music, but they were outclassed on this occasion by the younger people. Little Irma Wells made herself solid with the audience with her perfect knowledge of arithmetic as displayed in her recitation, "Six Times Nine," which was well delivered.

Corte Corwin, the slack wire artist, was first class and elicited continuous applause. His performance on the wire was little short of marvelous.

The ribbon drill, or "Old Folks at Home," by twelve girls was well received. Their marching was excellent, and when little Irma Wells came out and sang "The Suwanee River," it made a picture long to be remembered. The only drawback was the chorus behind the scenes. Oh, they were simply out of sight—which probably saved their lives. Zela Brasted's "Lost Doll," was very good and well received. The select reading by Miss Edna Church was good, but the chorus behind the scenes had not improved with age as was evidenced in the "Colonel's Song." "Grandpa's Spectacles," spoken by Alice Daly, was good and for one so young could not well be improved upon. Allie Heath and his "Sociable" was well appreciated.

John Digel's selection, "How We Killed the Bar," could not have been better delivered. "The Lasses Stew," was spoken by Dewley Davis in an excellent manner and without a symptom of stage-fright. Delsarte calisthenics by eight girls was the closing piece. It was well staged and the exercises good.

The MINER in behalf of a host of friends of these little actors and actresses desire to thank them for an evening of genuine enjoyment, and they may rest assured if another one is presented they will have a good audience.

Dr. F. C. Pierce has just received from the factory the latest Rambler bicycle, fitted with the Rambler gear case which is mud and dust proof, and does all that is claimed for a chainless wheel without its uncertainties. Call and see.

A Desperate Affair.

Last night about [illegible]

[illegible]

Hearst was [illegible] facts as he went to the [illegible] he proceeded to break in. The woman ran to the front door and unlocking it rushed to the street. Hearst in the meantime grabbed his wife and child and dragged them out of the back door, and by the time the neighbors who had been aroused by the screams of the other woman had arrived, no trace of Hearst and his wife and child could be found. An alarm was immediately sent out and a posse started out in search of them. Their efforts were futile however and about 2 a. m., Burgess Clayson was aroused. He went out with the searchers and also had telegrams sent in all directions, giving a description of the parties.

At an early hour this morning a general alarm was sounded and the citizens requested to join in the search. Several parties went out searching and the woods in this vicinity have been thoroughly scoured, but up to this writing no trace of them has been found.

There are several wild rumors afloat. One is that Hearst was seen by a brakeman on a P. & E. freight train and that he got off at Wilcox. Another theory is that he has taken his wife and child away and is keeping them in hiding, while others are of the opinion that he has done them bodily harm as he has been heard to make threats against their lives.

Up to the time of our going to press nothing has been heard of the whereabouts of the parties and various clues have been run down with no avail. Where Tom Hearst and his wife and child are, still remains a mystery. It is strange however that no trace can be found as he did not have over an hour's start, and this fact gives color to the theory that he had his plans laid in advance and had assistance to carry them out.—Tuesday's Kane Republican.

LATER.

The following is from Wednesday's Republican:

About 8:20 o'clock last night a small boy came up town with the startling information that Mrs. Hearst and the two children had returned home. A large crowd of men and boys immediately repaired to the home of Hal Rose on the west side where the report was verified. A representative of the Republican went over to see Mrs. Hearst this morning and the following is in substance the story she tells of the affair which has created such a stir in this community.

"When Mr. Hearst broke into the house, he pulled out a revolver and placing it close to my head compelled me to take my child and follow him. He took me out the back way and through an alley to a house of a neighbor where he knocked for admission, but as there was no one at home he again compelled me to go with him and informed me that if I made an outcry he would blow my brains out. We went down the alley back of the school-house and I fell down once or twice. He swore at me and told me to get up or he would shoot me. We continued down this alley until we came to Wetmore avenue. We could see the lanterns of the searchers and could also hear them talking. He made me sit down on a log behind some bushes for a while and during this time one of the party of men who were out looking for us came within about thirty feet of where we were sitting but I was afraid to make an outcry on account of the threats he had made. After a while he got up and we went back from Wetmore avenue to the street on which Mr. Hurley lives and when we arrived at Mr. Hurley's house he stopped and knocking on the door, informed the inmates who he was and what he wanted. The door was immediately opened and I and my child were taken in and put in a room. The door was locked and Mr. Hearst informed me that if I raised an alarm my life would pay the penalty. We staid there all night and all the next day. Tom receiving a generous supply of whiskey which kept him in an ugly condition. We could see the lights from the lanterns as they were flashed hither and thither, and when Constable Looker came to the front door and inquired of Mr. Hurley if he had seen anything of us, I was in the other room and could hear every word that was said, but he stood over me with the revolver at my head and I dared not make an outcry. Between eight and nine o'clock yesterday evening he allowed me to go as he said things were getting too warm for him, and I came home."

Mrs. Hearst was in a delicate condition this morning, the excitement and abuse of the night before having proven a great strain to her constitution. So far Hearst has not been apprehended. If he should be caught there is every reason to believe that a long term of imprisonment will await him.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures constipation, headache, fainting spells, sleeplessness and melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at A. B. Armstrong & Co's drug store.

Statement.

The following statement is made by B. C. Gleason, treasurer of the Smethport Glee Club, for the concert given by Miss Bessie Taylor for the benefit of the Club last Tuesday night:

Received from sale of tickets and at door	$ 24 [illegible]
Bills paid (receipts in hands of treasurer)	[illegible]
Bal in hands of treasurer	[illegible]

Mrs. Carrie Getty wishes to call the attention of her many patrons to the fact that she is again ready to supply their wants in millinery, etc. Her stock of trimmed and pattern hats is unusually large and covers the latest in fashion's fancies most completely. Her millinery supplies are exceedingly stylish and fancy. Watch for notice of summer opening later. Satisfy yourself by calling on her in the Reilly block, Smethport.

Splendid Success

has been had in cases of colic, diarrhoea, etc., by using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. As a household remedy for such troubles it is invaluable. Buy a 10c trial bottle and you are bound to be convinced. To be had of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A Grand Offer.

The MINER and thrice a week World for the small sum of $1.65, strictly in advance. This gives you 208 papers a year for the above small sum. Send in your subscription at once and reap the benefit of this exceptionally low offer.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.

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For Sale

One of the prettiest Rambler bicycles in this section for sale at your own price. All conditions suitable for lady. Call at F. C. Pierce's dental office.

Farm for Rent.

[illegible]

[illegible] buildings.

8-tf [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Colegrove spent Sunday with [illegible]

[illegible] of Bradford attended court Tuesday.

H. S. [illegible] of Olean was in attendance at court this week.

Emil Thomas transacted business in Clermont on Wednesday.

G. L. Roberts came up from Pittsburg to attend court Monday.

J. L. Smith and L. Bayer of Clermont were in town Tuesday.

A. J. Wambolsky and Florence Stickel visited Hazelhurst Tuesday.

Miss Mollie King was a guest of Coudersport friends over Sunday.

D. F. Greenman of Eldred did service as a juror at court this week.

James McGuire and daughter, Edith, visited Bradford last Saturday.

E. F. Cory of Coryville kindly remembered this office last Tuesday.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport was over Monday to attend court.

W. H. Martindale of Sizerville was a guest at the Central Tuesday.

County Commissioner Lemuel Davis spent Sunday with his family at Kane.

R. S. and C. A. Delley of Port Allegany were in town the first of the week.

W. E. Rice, one of Warren's prominent attorneys, attended court this week.

T. H. Morrison returned to his studies at Williamstown, Mass., last Saturday.

Henry Brennan of Mt. Jewett spent Sunday with his parents in this borough.

Mesdames Eugenia Hamlin and J. Haber [illegible] visited Buffalo Wednesday.

Sheridan Gorton and T. F. Richmond transacted business in Bradford Saturday.

Mr. J. Jeffrey of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest of Mrs. Chambers over Sunday.

County Chairman John P. Melvin of Bradford was in attendance at court this week.

Col. Rogers and wife visited at the home of G. W. Burdick in Norwich last Sunday.

Misses Harriet Redfield, Nettie Hamlin and Grace McCoy visited Buffalo Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Walker is spending few weeks in Buffalo with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Flagg.

J. H. Wood, editor of the Kane Leader, paid the MINER office a pleasant call Tuesday.

Attorney W. P. Weston of Kane was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

Misses Lois Young and Helen Forrest returned to their school duties at Albany on Tuesday last.

Ex-Senator A. F. Hannon was over from Bradford Tuesday to see that court matters passed of properly.

E. S. and Z. H. Carpenter of Larabee were most agreeable callers at this office Tuesday afternoon.

E. B. Borland, one of Kane's prominent business men, was in town Monday trying to get rid of a jury ticket.

J. W. Campbell of Kane, our popular candidate for county treasurer, was in town greeting old friends Monday.

B. D. Tome and Mose Johnson, the mighty War slayer, of Corydon were transacting business in town Wednesday.

J. C. Gallagher of Kane served as a juror at court this week. While in town Mr. Gallagher favored the MINER with a pleasant call.

Rev. Dr. Walker attended the Olean District meeting at Genesee, Pa., this week and read a paper on "The Final Condition of the Wicked."

Attorneys H. E. Shaffer, A. P. Huey, J. E. Mullin, Edmund L. Ryan and Neil C. MacEwen, all of Kane, were attending court this week.

Rev. G. W. Hallowell of Kane was in town Wednesday. He was on his way to Colegrove where he officiated at the funeral of A. P. Brewer.

H. L. Burlingame was the guest of W. W. Burlingame, his son, at Olean over Sunday. The attraction was a grandson. All are doing well, even to grandpa.

Paul Hamlin returned from Washington, D. C., last Monday. He states that the excitement at the national capital is intense and that the war spirit is on the increase.

Misses Hall and Simpson and Messrs. Richard Carlson and Walter Hall of Port Allegany were guests of Mrs. S. J. Gifford and daughter, Miss Myrtie, last Saturday.

W. W. Brewer of Mt. Jewett passed through town Wednesday on his way home from Norwich where he had been for the past three weeks during the late illness of his father.

Rev. W. A. Baker of Garland, Pa., a brother of Dr. E. R. Baker, has been visiting his parents here for a few days. He preached a very eloquent sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday evening.

'Squire F. F. Brown of Eldred kindly remembered the MINER office Tuesday. In surance business, his duty as assistant editor, besides looking after the judicial matters in that section keep the judge quite busy.

Chas. Dickinson and family, T. H. Fraley and daughter, Miss Hattie, Geo. Hetzog, Jr., and Wm. Stoddard left on Wednesday for Peninsula county, Idaho, where they intend taking up government claims and locating.

J. H. Hills, traveling for Vosburg & Whiting of Buffalo, was a guest of a gentleman in town recently. Mr. Hills is passionately fond of bathing and very particular about the quality of water used. Consequently his friend in town accompanied him to the headwaters of Potato creek, where Mr. Hills found the water of such purity that one bath would not suffice, he must needs take three. But oh, what fun they had.

F. M. Van Wormer one of Ceres' most popular and influential business men, was a most agreeable caller at this office yesterday. He had just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast, and it was a great pleasure to listen to his vivid description of the beauties presented by the advanced stage of vegetation. Mr. Van Wormer was a soldier during the late unpleasantness and says that he saw enough of fighting at that time and is not anxious to see Uncle Sam engage in a war with Spain.

Civil Court.

Court convened last Monday at 2 p. m., Judges Olmsted and Morrison present.

The jury in the case of Joe Smith by his father Andrew Smith, vs. L. E. Catting & Co., labor claim, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $32.64.

The jury found a verdict for the defendants in the case of Arthur L. Bates, assignee, vs. Randall Bros. & Richmond and the Williamsport Pants Co., and George H. Harris vs. Randall Bros. & Richmond and the Williamsport Pants Co.

Kate Rumsey vs. Homer Rumsey, divorce from bed and board on the grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment, was called. No defense was made and the jury found a verdict in favor of the libellant.

H. S. Southard vs. W. S. Wood & Co., assumpsit. The plaintiff claimed $2,525.42 with interest from June 12th, 1895. In December, 1893, the plaintiff entered into a contract with the defendants whereby he agreed to furnish them with a quantity of cherry, ash and maple lumber and was to receive payment as often as 20,000 feet was "cut and piled" in the plaintiff's yard at White Gravel. The plaintiff claimed that on June 1st, 1894, there were 186,252 feet of lumber piled in the yard. This lumber was destroyed by fire and the defendants refused to pay for it. The defendants claimed that the lumber that was burned was not hard wood that they contracted to buy and that they had paid the plaintiff for all the lumber that had been delivered to them. Verdict in favor of defendants.

City of Bradford vs. Baker & Whitehead, M. W. Wagner, John M. Koch, F. M. Webster, D. G. Lane, Mrs. A. M. Lane, Isabella McGlinch, et. al., J. W. Brennan, Mrs. E. H. Webster, John Myers. Motion for judgment for want of sufficient affidavit of defense and a rule taken cause, granted returnable next argument court.

The court appointed Bevilla P. Babcock guardian of Leroy, Leslie D. Francis, Nermie and Earl Babcock.

Edward H. McMorris vs. Ella Holts, et al. The court dismissed the plaintiff's bill.

The court appointed J. M. McClure commissioner of the estate of Patrick H. Gallagher [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was appointed guardian of [illegible]

[illegible] W. Emery, Griffith [illegible]

[illegible]

W. J. [illegible] of the [illegible] plaintiff.

Patrick [illegible] vs. the Bock Glycerine Company, [illegible] damages in the sum of $5,000; [illegible]

The case of H. S. Southard & Co. vs. W. S. Wood & Co., assumpsit, and Beatrice Watson vs. A. B. Walker, sheriff of McKean county, and H. J. Loveless and A. Ecklow, appeal, were continued.

The case of G. G. Rice vs. George H. Cobb, D. C. Chase and Charles H. Rexford, replevin, was continued on application of the defendants for the reason that the plaintiff was not in court and was a material witness for the defense. This case is brought to recover 1,500 cords of bark taken from warrant 3,725 in Corydon township. The plaintiff claims to be damaged to the extent of $9,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

Tod Bailey of this city and Eddie Dailey of Cleveland met in the ring at Clarkdale park last Friday evening for what had been advertised as a fifteen round glove contest for 65 per cent of the gate receipts. Just $56 was taken in at the window although fully 500 men and boys had gained admission in some manner. Bailey is a swift boxer and kept his man guessing for eight rounds. Dailey then discovered that there was not enough money in the house for a man of his abilities and refused to go any further. The decision was given to Tod. This bout was preceded by a funny preliminary in which Charkey Kinney and Cash O. Rhode punched each other fast and furiously for 4 rounds. Tod Bailey is said, by sporting men to be a wonder. He is only 17 years old but has made an excellent showing so far. He is now after a fight with Mike Leonard and will shortly make a tour of Pennsylvania and New York with his manager, Harry Watkins.

The school building site is still occupying a good share of the public attention. At last week's meeting every member of the board was present as was also Mr. W. E. Burdick, attorney for the board of school control, and Eugene Mullin, attorney for the taxpayers. Mr. Burdick reported that he and Mr. Mullin had been in consultation and had arrived at the conclusion that the court could not interfere with the board's choice of site unless it could be shown that corrupt measures, bad faith or fraud entered into the board's action in making the selection. It therefore looks as if the new school building would be built on the Hazelton property on School street after all. At this meeting bonds to the amount of $16,800 were awarded to different parties. Some to business firms of New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburg as well as to our own banks.

Manager Stuart of Bradford's embryonic ball team is feeling elated just now over the certain prospects his team seems to have for a successful season. Mr. Stuart has chosen 15 men. These players are to report for practice April 29, and out of this number 11 of the best will be retained. Season tickets have been issued and are being sold for $15 each. The tickets are good for 63 games and include grand stand and all other privileges. The uniforms of the team are to be maroon in color with the word, "Bradford" in white across the breast. With these royal blue cap, stockings and sweater will be worn, the sweater and cap to have the letter "B" in white.

Mrs. W. E. Bradley widow of the B. B. & P. railroad man who was killed near Hutchins last week, will, it is said, institute proceedings against the company for damages. Coroner Sherman and a jury investigated the death of the unfortunate man and came to the conclusion that Bradley came to his death while trying to make a coupling and that there was evidence of carelessness on the part of the employes of the road and also on Bradley's part in assuming an improper position while making the coupling.

The people of Bradford do not lose interest in their friends who are in or on their way to the gold regions of Klondike. Letters received from the far off dear ones are eagerly read even by those who only know the absent ones by name. Bert Cohen writes from Lesser Slave Lake. He says the trials and hardships of a Klondike trip are no dream by any means. Mrs. Blanch Chapman Hurley in a recent letter says she is well and happy and is not a bit sorry for having attempted the terrible trip.

Alvaretta O. Griffith, wife of T. M. Griffith, a well known business man of Bradford, died at the family home on South Mechanic street Saturday afternoon after a long illness. deceased was aged 48 years and had been a resident of Bradford for nearly 21 years. she is survived by her husband, one daughter and three sons. Funeral services were held at the church of Eternal Hope Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

The Pompelon Club discussed the subject: "The Genesis and Evolution of Republican Government," last Saturday evening. Mr. R. H. Stone opened the discussion and was followed by Messrs. J. M. McClure, Eugene Mullin, J. S. Wilson, Rabbi Louis Reynolds, H. Fostich and Mrs. Emma King. Next Saturday Rev. M. R. Webster will address the club on "The Order of Creation."

The work of grading Congress street extension, preparatory to paving, was begun Monday morning. This thoroughfare leads to the driving park and will be finished before the race meeting in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grubb left Tuesday for Cambridge Springs. Mrs. Grubb has been in poor health for some time and the trip is made in hopes that the change may prove beneficial to her.

The Orpheus Club gave their post-lenten dance at Exchange Lyceum last Friday evening. Among the out-of-town guests was Miss Lucy Backus of Smethport.

The Fourth and Fifth Ward school houses were robbed Sunday night, presumably by boys. Nothing of much value was taken.

Mrs. P. L. Webster, for 45 years a resident of this section, died at her home on Corydon street Monday evening, aged 64 years.

LARABEE.

Three loads of Larabee people attended the warm sugar social given for the benefit of the Larabee band at the residence of Joel Harris at Slack Hollow Friday evening. Amid music and mirth the "wee sma" hours came all too quickly. Many regrets at the rapid flight of time were here heard at parting and all were unanimous in pronouncing it the most enjoyable affair of the season.

Mrs. F. C. Crandall and daughter, Cecil, returned Monday from a most enjoyable visit among friends in Holland, N. Y.

Miss Edna Baker of Smethport was the guest of her cousin, Miss Emma Adams over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galutia and daughter, Theo, visited at the home of S. T. Carpenter Sunday.

Miss Emma Adams returned from Coryville Thursday accompanied by Miss Minnie Smith.

C. W. Taylor of Turtle Point passed through town Tuesday with a fine load of calves.

Mrs. E. S. Carpenter and Mrs. E. W. Hibbard made a business trip to Eldred Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon of Bartwell were pleasant callers in town Tuesday.

The pleasant face of Gilbert Moody of Coryville was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Larabee of Eldred was calling on friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor of Mt. Alton were visiting relatives in town Sunday.

Ed Crandall of Turtle Point was shaking hands with friends here Friday.

Timothy Lamphier of Eldred was visiting relatives in town Wednesday.

Samuel W. Smith of Port Allegany was greeting friends here Friday.

Jennie Wedell of Turtle Point visited her sister, Miss Freda, Tuesday.

D. C. Young of Smethport was transacting business in town Tuesday.

Bird Rice is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Huntington at Austin.

Miss Rose Gainer of Nowell is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. D. Otto.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slingerland visited at Kelly Mills Tuesday.

Ad. [illegible] Graves of Coryville was in town Saturday morning.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER.

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court room and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer to the judge's question. The judge waited in dignified silence. Not a whisper was heard anywhere and the situation had become painful ly oppressive when the prisoner was seen to move, his head was raised, his hand was clinched and the blood had rushed into his pale, careworn face. Suddenly he arose to his feet and in a low, firm, but distinct voice, said:

"I have, your honor, you have asked me a question and I now ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here before this bar convicted of willful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard and a wretch; that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful deed, I have no right to complain of the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in the case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence. But may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife."

This statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner, the jurors looked at each other in amazement, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement. The prisoner paused a few seconds and then continued in the same firm and distinct tone:

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within this bar and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand with me before His judgment throne where we shall all be righteously judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity. Had it not been for these human traps I would have been a sober man, an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving husband. But to-day my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast out on the mercy of the world, while I am to be hung by the strong arm of the State. God knows, I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway my weak, diseased will power was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man. For one year my wife and children were happy and our little home was a paradise. I was one of those that signed remonstrances against reopening and they have made me what I am."

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears. The judge made a motion as if to stop further speech when the speaker hastily said:

"No, no, your honor, do not close my lips, I am nearly through. I began my downward career at a saloon bar, legalized and protected by the voters of this town. After the saloons you allowed have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another bar—the bar of justice—and now the law power will conduct me to the place of execution and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the judgment bar of God—and then you, who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me, the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic, alone responsible for the murder of my wife? Nay, I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered one, but you have deliberately voted for the saloons which murdered thousands and they are in full operation to day with your consent. All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth. You legalize the saloon that made me a drunkard and a murderer and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

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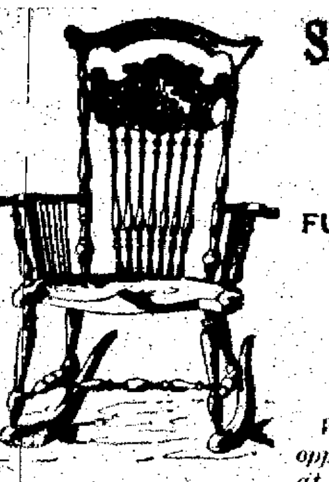

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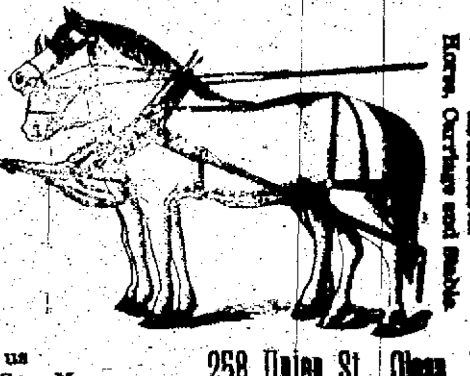

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[CONCLUDED.]

The two men got up stiffly. They had traveled many tiresome miles, but as [illegible] had found their way home thus far without money and without scrip they were inclined to carry to the end the somewhat dramatic programme the colonel had mapped out as they traveled.

"You see, Potts," the colonel had said when, finally discharged from prison, they were left at liberty to get home the best they could, "I have had enough of gloom and tragedy to last me ten lifetimes. So have those poor women at home. We are going home whipped out of our boots—that is, I am. You were the only man in Cloverdell that had the sense not to secede—not that it did you much good, poor old chap."

"Too much red tape," little Potts had flung in shortly. "I never could [illegible] my body to take my unsupported [illegible] I was a Unionist from the [illegible] and so I just languished on. Thank God I was there when they brought you to the island more dead than alive."

"We'll enter Cloverdell incog[illegible]," the colonel had said, little Potts answering, "Done!"

And so between them as they traveled homeward through a land laid waste by fire and sword, saving what little money they had for food and shelter by night, they planned this little invention for those they loved and who mourned them as dead.

The streets of Cloverdell were all asleep when they turned their faces toward the Potts house.

Said little Potts as they walked: "We never found out who the second couple was."

"No. We had so much to ask Tim about."

"My girls were never much on going to bed early"— They had turned a corner which brought him in sight of his home, and little Potts' knees were shaking under him. "But what an illumination they've got up!"

"What shall I sing?" the colonel asked softly, coming to a halt behind one of the green tubs on the Potts terrace.

"Give them 'Tenting on the Old Camp Ground.' It is your best," said little Potts in a trembling voice. "And sing up loud, Bascom. They seem to have company. I'm glad they are not missing me very badly."

"You sound very glad," said the colonel grimly, and then he began to sing. "Don't forget the hat," he paused to whisper as the opening of the front door let a flood of light escape from the Potts hall, and they could see figures crowding toward it from the parlors. Captain Belknap's was well in the lead. He came hurriedly down the front steps and peered anxiously into the outer darkness.

"Who sang that song?" he demanded in a voice quivering with agitation. "Stand out, whoever you are. There never was but one man who could sing the old song that way. I beseech him to come nearer."

The colonel stepped into the glare of light. Little Potts dropped the hat.

"Belknap!"

"Bascom!"

The two strong men were clasped in each other's arms. Bob shook both [illegible]. Little Potts was rushing through [illegible] toward Ollie, who stood in [illegible] all going watching this strange scene with wonder stretched eyes. A hundred hands were outstretched.

The two tattered veterans were drawn inside the doors of the little white house, behind the oleanders. Who would undertake to describe what went on behind those doors in the course of the next few hours?

The marvelous story of how Bascom and Potts had footed it home when released from Johnson's island and of what a trick they had played on everybody went the rounds until it was only necessary to say, "When the colonel and"— to make the most patient man or woman in Cloverdell show signs of [illegible].

Little Potts took up his old life with [illegible] little [illegible], thanking God for [illegible] of his home circle unbroken [illegible] increased by the addition of his son-in-law, Eddie Matthews. The colonel's portion had been a bitterer one.

At the close of the wedding festivities at the Potts home Reginald had gone [illegible] going with him to his home. Not until they were seated by the fireplace in the study just as they had sat when he, half maddened by his own misdeeds, first made full confession to the colonel did Reginald enter upon the story of how [illegible] had passed out of their lives.

Bascom sat absolutely motionless through the long recital. At its close he drew a long breath and said solemnly:

"Thank God!"

Belknap stared at him in perplexity. He repeated:

"Yes, thank God! Ellen's good name is vindicated, and the dear girl had better bear that name legitimately than mine, which I threw over her as a man does to hide her shame, illegitimately. And yet I felt all the time, dear boy, that I must put you in possession of the [illegible] truth should things ever come to a crisis between you two."

"They did come to a crisis between us. She had promised to be my wife not [illegible] before this blow fell."

"Poor girl! Poor lad!"

"Without her my life must always [illegible] a broken affair."

"Always. Don't use that word. No man who can tell what a day may bring forth."

That [illegible], for day was streaking the [illegible] when the two men [illegible] their beds, brought forth a strange thing. It brought Northcote [illegible] solution of the mystery. The news of Colonel Bascom's return had [illegible] like wildfire. Dr. Hilary North[cote] [illegible] heard it, and standing over his [illegible], who was hastily packing a valise, [illegible] to her:

"[illegible] asked about the valise, my [illegible]. Now that Bascom is at home he [illegible]. I shall ride over to see him in [illegible] of starting for the other side."

[illegible] that Dr. Northcote was [illegible] supplement a somewhat [illegible] correspondence with Jessica by [illegible] for Liverpool, not that he want[illegible] to go, but because some one had to [illegible] correspondence had started on the [illegible] of his sending to them the [illegible] found in Isham Street's strong box. [illegible] sent them to Jessica, with the request that she should ask her mother if [illegible] had ever seen them. Jessica's reply [illegible] promptly:

"[illegible] sent by you threw my mother into a terrible state of agitation [illegible] them as corroboration of her [illegible] that her child was killed in [illegible] railroad accident. She asks you to [illegible] the trunk left in your attic [illegible] she went back home. You will [illegible], she says, a baby's cap [illegible]. Embroidered in [illegible] the initials I. E. She never knew [illegible]. She declares that [illegible] infant that I was [illegible] came when the [illegible] into the old trunk [illegible] as stated. Further [illegible] on Lemuel Street's part reveal [illegible] his cousin's name was Isadora [illegible].

[illegible] Lemuel took up the correspond[illegible] [illegible] Jessica for his cousin and [illegible] her waiting inheritance. Jessica [illegible] to transfer a liberal portion [illegible] fortune to the Streets. In [illegible] her long letter she said:

"[illegible] I have gained, but it cannot [illegible] happiness. My strange lot [illegible] I shall not desert Mrs. [illegible] is in rapidly failing [illegible] of the only human [illegible] and in the place of [illegible] revenues. I [illegible] for Jessica in person."

"But now that Bascom has come my dear," he said when stopping the packing of his valise, "I will ride over and talk this matter out to some sort of conclusion." His story left the colonel half dazed.

"Let me get my bearings," said the colonel, passing his one hand restlessly over his armless sleeve. "I'm just back from the dead, Northcote, and you ask me to take the first vessel crossing the ocean to fetch back a young woman [illegible]. You must think you've [illegible] Don Quixote."

"I shall start for Louisiana at once," she wrote.

"[illegible] to you than she will [illegible] anybody else."

"Except to Belknap there," said the colonel, with one of his hearty antebellum laughs.

And then the colonel took up the pen, using it wonderfully too, with his left hand, and told Jessica he should like to have her back "on the old terms, my dear—and Ellen—but how?"

Then Jessica:

"My [illegible] father, the day before [illegible] letter reached me the difficulty [illegible] my movements were [illegible]. Mr. Dennis Whitney was drowned while sailing on the bay of Naples with an inexperienced pleasure party. I shall start for Louisiana at once with his widow."

[illegible] and the colonel were well nigh [illegible] in the days. They seldom [illegible] Jessica. She was coming back to them.

That [illegible] fact filled all their days with a light of a great gladness and a supreme content.

THE END.

THE CAP WAS SWITCHING

But It Raised the Devil of a Sleepy Lecturer In Search of Rest.

"I have [illegible] a practice to sleep when [illegible] opportunity," said a man who lectures, "but [illegible] expert [illegible]. You see I spend a great deal of time on railroad trains and frequently, in order to keep engagements, I am [illegible] to travel at night. Now I have great difficulty in getting asleep on a [illegible] car, and sometimes I toss around all night.

"Last [illegible] Baltimore, and after the [illegible] a [illegible] car to the railroad yard which was to be added to the train bound for New York. That was my opportunity. I bought a [illegible] the porter and asked him if I might retire with the expectation of [illegible] formed [illegible].

"'That's [illegible] for [illegible] pull out till [illegible] you can just [illegible].'

"This [illegible] and I retired. [illegible] ing that we had been coupled on to the New York train. I closed my eyes again. At that moment the car ran into something [illegible] a crash and [illegible] that my head was bumped against the end of the berth. [illegible] up I thought, and I proceeded to [illegible] of my berth. The porter was [illegible] opposite.

"'For heaven's sake, what is the trouble?' I asked.

"'[illegible],' said, 'ju't switchin'.'

"I [illegible] very cheap. Again I [illegible] once more the car was [illegible] then shoved at a rapid rate and [illegible] another train starting [illegible] that sounded [illegible] clear away up the track [illegible] followed lasted so long that I [illegible]. Another [illegible] than the previous ones [illegible] next five minutes [illegible] of two engines must be engaged in [illegible] back and forth [illegible]. I could feel the car [illegible] abrupt stop [illegible] would [illegible] and stand [illegible] I could [illegible] and [illegible] the car [illegible] from the [illegible] a hotel and [illegible]. The memory of that [illegible] cautious about [illegible] cars that are loafing around [illegible] to be coupled [illegible] seem to offer an opportunity to [illegible] sleep. The amount of [illegible] up [illegible] 'switchin' is surprising."—New York Sun.

The Locality of Disease.

In an [illegible] article on the areas of di[illegible] [illegible] Saturday Review [illegible] medical opinion [illegible] have their [illegible] habitations—some, like tropical animals and plants, living only in [illegible]. The consumption, gradually [illegible] over the whole earth [illegible] like leprosy and smallpox [illegible] by degrees becoming limited in their distribution, possibly tending [illegible] extinction. On the other hand, however, there are regions to which [illegible] diseases have never [illegible] the summits of high [illegible] air [illegible] microbes [illegible] they are of [illegible] life [illegible] that [illegible] with the [illegible] the more [illegible] a native of [illegible] brought over to Britain a short [illegible] falls a victim to its plague stricken [illegible] but [illegible] generations of a [illegible] Britons have become highly resistant to their native diseases yet not fully so for cancer and consumption, two of the most common scourges, still hold powerful sway.

Evidence.

"Think of it!" exclaimed the somewhat pedantic citizen. "A generation or so ago boys were supposed to have a good knowledge of Latin before they were 16 years of age."

"What of that?" inquired the mild mannered friend.

"Doesn't that show that our pretended advancement in refinement is a misapprehension?"

"Not at all. It proves that we are more considerate and humane, and therefore more refined. Think of the amount of corporal punishment it must take to give a boy a good knowledge of Latin before he is 16 years old!"—Washington Star.

Robert Morris' Bank of North America, founded at Philadelphia at the end of the year 1781, was the first banking institution founded on the American [illegible].

[illegible]
We know who [illegible] what will be
We know [illegible] No one ever knew
The [illegible] cannot foresee
[illegible] what men may do
[illegible] shot in the dark
[illegible]
[illegible] there as
If [illegible] sometimes they will
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
Of the [illegible] that held the bow
[illegible] know
[illegible]
[illegible] why!
[illegible] tumbling clay
The world [illegible] and round,
[illegible] day
[illegible] and!
—[illegible] Goddard in New York Independent.

A MILD MANNERED PIRATE

An Ex Clerk Who Joined the Fierce Sea Rovers of the Spanish Main.

"The Buccaneers of Our Coast" is the title of a series of narrative sketches that Frank R. Stockton is writing for St. Nicholas. In speaking of John Esquemeling, who joined the buccaneers and became their historian, Mr. Stockton says:

It must have been a strange thing for a man accustomed to pens and ink, to yardsticks and scales, to offer to enroll himself in a company of bloody, big bearded pirates, but a man must eat, and buccaneering was the only profession open to our ex clerk. For some reason or other, certainly not on account of his bravery and daring, Esquemeling was very well received by the pirates of Tortuga. Perhaps they liked him because he was a mild mannered man and so different from themselves.

As for Esquemeling himself, he soon came to entertain the highest opinions of his pirate companions. He looked upon the buccaneers who had distinguished themselves as great heroes, and it must have been extremely gratifying to those savage fellows to tell Esquemeling all the wonderful things they had done. Esquemeling might have earned a salary as a listener.

It was not long before his intense admiration of the buccaneers and their performances began to produce in him the feeling that these great exploits should not be lost to the world, and so he set about writing their lives and adventures.

He remained with the pirates for several years and during that time worked very industriously getting together material for his history. When he returned to his own country in 1672 he there completed a book which he called "The Buccaneers of America, or, The True Account of the Most Remarkable Assaults Committed of Late Years Upon the Coasts of the West Indies by the Buccaneers, etc. By John Esquemeling, One of the Buccaneers, Who Was Present at Those Tragedies."

From this title it is probable that in the capacity of reporter our literary pirate accompanied his comrades on their various voyages and assaults, and although he states he was present at many of "those tragedies" he makes no reference to any deeds of valor or cruelty performed by himself, which shows him to have been a wonderfully conscientious historian. There are persons, however, who doubt his impartiality, because as he liked the French, he always gave the pirates of that nationality the credit for most of the bravery displayed on their expeditions, and all of the magnanimity and courtesy, if there happened to be any, while the surliness, brutality and extraordinary wickedness were all ascribed to the English.

How a Chameleon Changes Color.

The chameleon is a little lizard who possesses the wonderful power of changing his color to suit his own convenience. Florida produces several species of these lizards in abundance. This is the process by which the little lizard effects his changes.

Certain colors through the medium of the optic nerve produce a contraction or expansion of the pigment or color cells. The result is a protective tint or one which resembles that upon which the animal is resting. The eye receives the stimulus or impression which passes from the optic nerve to the sympathetic nerve, so reaching the various series of the lizard's little color cells under the skin.

The pigment cells are distributed all over the body with more or less regularity, and upon their contraction and expansion depends the prevailing color of the animal.

The scientist discovered this by blindfolding a lizard and found that when it could not see the color of the surrounding foliage it ceased to change its own color.—St. Louis Republic.

It Was Only the Old One.

A rough, awkward handed Lancashire girl was broken in by a benevolent lady, who tried to do a good turn for everybody, and in an evil moment she was given to clean two very ancient openwork silver salt cellars with those rich and rare old royal blue glass receivers inside. One was over 100 years old, the other had been broken and recently patched, of which fact the girl was aware. She broke the other old one, and when she told her mistress she said she was "glad as how it was only the old 'un."

A Startling Declaration.

Wife—Richard, I am afraid we must part—

Husband—Good gracious! What for?

Wife (calmly)—Your hair in the middle hereafter. You are getting bald.—London Fun.

The Mexican torch thistle, growing to a height of 50 or 60 feet, looks more like a candelabrum than a tree. Another variety of the same species has long gray bristles, which give it the appearance of the head of an old gray haired man.

Newspaper duty was invented by Queen Anne. It was originally a penny on each sheet, afterward raised to fourpence, and abolished in 1855.

[illegible] years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Brook, N. Y., bought a supply of Chamberlain's Cough [illegible]. He sums up the result as follows: [illegible] at that time the goods were [illegible] this season [illegible] Chamberlain's Cough Remedy [illegible] hundreds of [illegible] the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy [illegible] the [illegible] will have [illegible]. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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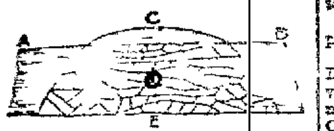
[illegible] AND GARD[illegible]

OUTLET TO TI[illegible]

A Good and a [illegible] Outlet Described.

A poorly [illegible] outlet to a [illegible] drainage or [illegible] system [illegible] tion means [illegible] ten can only [illegible] whole system [illegible]. On [illegible] ideas and experience [illegible] with illustrations, in The National Stockman and Farmer as follows:

The outlet should be [illegible] at a point where if possible it will have an abrupt ending or, in other words, the water will have a decided fall [illegible] where [illegible] rough [illegible] masonry or [illegible] wall can be constructed through which the last three tiles at least [illegible], the last one projecting out of the wall not less than three inches.

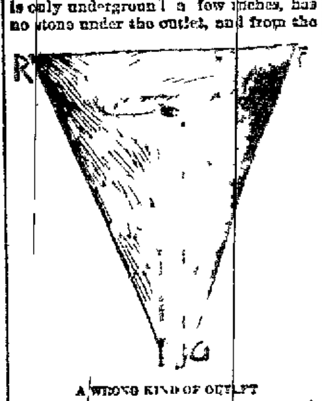


THE RIGHT KIND OF OUTLET.

A better and more substantial outlet may be built by placing a couple of joints of sewer pipe at the outer end large enough [illegible] tile will enter. Place and ground [illegible] the bottom of this [illegible] a large flat stone, and if it can be placed two feet or more below the surface all the better. Upon this build a [illegible] wall of [illegible] the stones as close as possible. This should be built so that when covered with earth it will be several inches higher than the surface about it, except that back along the course of the drain, all of which should if possible be filled a little higher than the adjoining surface for the purpose of keeping surface water from encroaching on the outlet or possibly uncovering it altogether. Such an outlet is shown in the first cut.

A B is the natural surface elevation, C represents the raised part after refilling, D represents the tile projecting through the roughly constructed stone wall. To make this outlet complete a large stone should be placed at E for the water to fall upon to prevent the wearing and washing away of the earth, which would finally undermine the outlet and cause trouble.

The first cut represents the right way to build an outlet, and the second illustrates a wrong way. R F G are the surface outlines with an outlet at S, which is only underground a few inches, has no stone under the outlet, and from the end of the tile an open furrow extends some 50 feet from S to G to give the water free passage.



A WRONG KIND OF OUTLET.

I have made this mistake so often that I call special attention to it that others may profit by my failures. I constructed or rather left two outlets to a large system of underdrains in this condition in the early spring of 1893. The result has been that I have had to reopen the furrow twice each year since.

Commercial Value of Grasses.

The commercial importance of grasses and clovers in relation to the profitable production of farm animals is very great. The figures of the division of statistics show that in the seven middle eastern states (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina) there were on Jan. 1, 1897, in round numbers 1,373,000 horses of all ages, valued at about $[illegible], 217,000 mules, valued at $11,413,000, 2,0[illegible] milk cows worth $47,[illegible],000, 1,735,000 oxen and other cattle worth $2[illegible],904,000, 2,147,000 sheep worth $[illegible],000, and 4,380,000 swine, worth $[illegible],041,000, the total number of all farm stock in these seven states amounting to 11,883,000 head of all classes valued at $171,278,500. These 11,883,000 head of farm stock require for their maintenance upward of 20,400,000 tons per annum of all classes of forage and feeding stuffs, worth more than $150,000,000. The seven states named are not great stock growing states. They rank in the aggregate of the combined values of live stock barely 20 per cent above that of Iowa alone.—Farmers' Bulletin.

Sugar Beets In Kansas.

The results of several years' experiments conducted under the direction of the chemical department of the Kansas experiment station were nearly in line with the results in Missouri. It was developed that, with proper cultivation, a large quantity of beets could be raised per acre, but the average sugar content was not sufficient to give great promise that the beet sugar industry could ever be made profitable in Kansas. The trouble seems to be that Kansas and Missouri are too far south. It should be stated, however, that the Kansas experiments were conducted under so many unfavorable circumstances that they are not to be regarded as conclusive.

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That 7-five years make a generation? That is how long [illegible] father of Zur[illegible] suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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[illegible] to [illegible] If you [illegible] the same in both frames [illegible] Lettuce. A mild winter is [illegible] advantage to the [illegible] brings the plants along too soon."

"What varieties of lettuce do you prefer [illegible]?"

"The [illegible] around here is the Dutch Butter or [illegible] Butter. It is very hardy and makes a fine head. Tennis Ball is good, but not so large. Champion Spring and Summer is a favorite [illegible]. The Dutch Butter is not hard for outdoor use. The [illegible] which is [illegible]."

"Do you grow any other crop in connection with the lettuce?"

"Yes. [illegible] grown to go with the [illegible] are cabbage, radishes and beets. The cauliflower is fall sown, carried over in a frame, and planted between the [illegible] February [illegible] sown directly [illegible] grown [illegible] 8 by 12 [illegible] This is to [illegible] the cauliflower."

"Do you grow any of the French Cos [illegible]?"

"[illegible] Our market would not [illegible] it, [illegible] being on [illegible]. The Cos lettuce is very tender and succulent, but is not quite as desirable from the grower's standpoint as [illegible] for his market as to [illegible] behind it. We have an example of this in one of the pink celery. It is delicious in flavor, tender, brittle and juicy, but it won't sell. It is incomparably superior in quality to the self blanching kinds, but the consumers want a white celery, and they won't look at it."

"Do you leave the sashes on your lettuce houses all summer?"

"No. They are removed when the last crop is off about May 30. We fertilize entirely with stable manure, finding commercial fertilizers too sharp to use under glass. The ammonia rises so quickly that we fear damage to the young plants."

Soil Tests With Field Crops.

W. P. Brooks, Massachusetts Hatch station, reports on soil tests with cabbages, Swedish turnips and soy beans, also on soil tests with corn. The work with the cabbages and turnips indicates the need of fertilizers particularly [illegible] available phosphoric acid and [illegible]. Dissolved boneblack and muriate of potash were found to be useful forms of the fertilizers, but the author believes that other available phosphate fertilizers would be as good as dissolved boneblack. A combination of these fertilizers caused [illegible] increase of crop. The tests with soy beans showed that potash had the greatest effect upon the increase and the quality of the crop. Muriate of potash was used, but it is stated that the sulphate has been found superior to it for beans. In the soil tests with corn potash was found to be the controlling element.

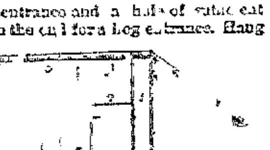
Crimson Clover.

A contributor to The National Stockman, writing from Pennsylvania concerning crimson clover, says: "It gives no promise of coming into general use over [illegible] the lowlands of New Jersey and Delaware. The chief trouble is the uncertainty of a catch or of a good fall growth. The seedings fail too often to let it become the reliance of the farmers as a winter cover crop. In portions of Delaware and New Jersey it does finely, but in Pennsylvania and Ohio crimson clover will not displace other manurial crops to any great extent."

A Handy House For Hogs.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer gives the following illustrated description of a hoghouse:

It is made [illegible] 10 feet long and 5½ feet wide, 2 feet 3 inches high at eaves on one side and [illegible] high on the opposite side. This gives a good pitch to the roof, which slopes one way. I made such a house out of groove siding nailed up and down with [illegible]. Mine [illegible] by [illegible] feet in the high side of the house near one end for main entrance and a hole of suitable size in the end for a hog entrance. Hang the door on hinges. A man can go in and out in his care of pigs safer than crawling in at the hog hole.



A HOGHOUSE.

If the work is properly done, the house will be windproof and warm. I prefer a movable plank floor to each house. It keeps sows from rooting out a hole in the ground, where they are likely to overlay their pigs. This size house is large enough for one sow and high enough to hang a lantern in, above hog reach. It requires 165 feet of siding, 10 feet of lath and 300 shingles, etc. Such a house out of good material, hinges, paint, work and all, should not exceed $7 and can be made for less out of cheap lumber. It is handy and light to move, is warm, cheap, safe for a man and has roof out of hog reach.

American Securities Abroad.

The sales of American securities have been, according to London [illegible] abroad of late. If the [illegible] American [illegible] good into the market [illegible] the faith abroad in [illegible] foreign countries [illegible] for reference [illegible] efficacy of [illegible] organic matter [illegible] stomach, liver [illegible] constipation and rheumatism [illegible]. It has an excellent [illegible] and diffuses a generous warmth and a sense of physical comfort [illegible] system.

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[illegible] Blood Purg[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] costume is [illegible] a silken [illegible] with a flimsy pair of slippers [illegible] which the stockingless feet are thrust.

The average [illegible] girl is an inveterate [illegible] from a very [illegible]. While quite a baby, too, she in common with the rest of the [illegible] is taught to chew the leaf and nut of the betel palm—at least [illegible] sure to be "taught" this [illegible] eating pastime. Since, however, she knows full well that she will be [illegible] not to say ancient, at the age of 30 she concentrates the whole of her intellect upon the serious [illegible] of either entering the palace or getting married. But if it be the latter [illegible] marriage in Siam is [illegible] life is the most elaborate [illegible] girl could [illegible]. The [illegible]—what we should term the "courting"—is generally conducted in the first instance through an old beldam. It is this old woman's business to discover among [illegible] that they are in their [illegible] are propitious toward the happy [illegible] and whether the respective birth years of the bride and bridegroom fall suitably to the date fixed for their [illegible]. In all such matters the Siamese [illegible] appear to be very [illegible] their Buddhist belief [illegible] to make [illegible] a Mussulman.

The Clever Art Student.

Not infrequently the art student falls in arrears [illegible] the rent of even his airy perch on the [illegible] "atelier," and landlords have scant sympathy for beings who can "soar to the empyrean," but can't pay cash. One young man six months in arrears knew that his landlord was keeping [illegible] at his trunk, which [illegible] sure that [illegible] the owner would not depart. Our [illegible] painted a portrait of his trunk [illegible] wall opposite the door and [illegible] several days [illegible]—Cat[illegible]

[illegible]

"I[illegible] candidate for the [illegible]

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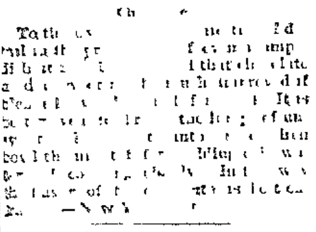

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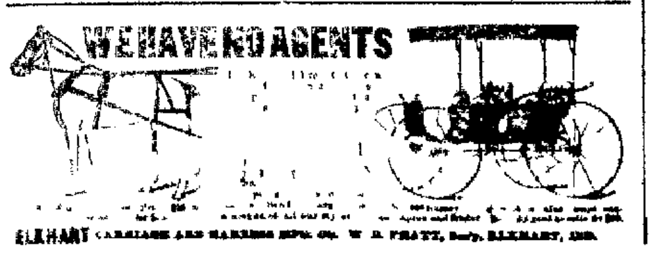

ELKHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO. W. B. PRATT, Secy, ELKHART, IND.

[illegible] NEW YORK [illegible] PENNSYLVANIA

In effect April [illegible], 189[illegible]

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee [illegible] Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday [illegible]
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday [illegible]
Train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with River [illegible] Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont and points [illegible]

[illegible]

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

[illegible]

WESTWARD

[illegible]

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

[illegible]

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

[illegible]

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

[illegible]

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the company's agents.

F. H. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agent,
Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE

Took effect [illegible] June [illegible] 189[illegible]

[illegible]

1	3	5	STATIONS			
am	pm	pm	Ar Dp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.35	2 [illegible]	7 [illegible]	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	
8 [illegible]	2 0[illegible]	7 [illegible]	[illegible] June			
8 26	1 50	7 09	Austin	[illegible]		
	1 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 [illegible]		
	[illegible]	6 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
	1 45	[illegible]	Cross Fork [illegible]			
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
	12 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
	10 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
	10 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
	am	[illegible]	Dp Ar	[illegible]		

H. [illegible], Train Master.
C. W. [illegible], Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad

Time Table takes effect [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Stations	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A M	A M	P M		A M	P M	A M
8	7 30	2 10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 [illegible]	7 21	2 00	[illegible]	[illegible]	2 [illegible]	[illegible]
8 30		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
8 25	7 [illegible]	1.53	Perkin	[illegible]	2[illegible]	
8 [illegible]	7 13	1 50	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1 45	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 [illegible]	7 0[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
7 [illegible]	7 01	1 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
7 15	6 00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 11	[illegible]	1 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 00	6 40	1 14	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 2[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1 00		2 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7 3[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.4[illegible]		[illegible]	Hammond			[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 [illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 41	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.10	[illegible]
[illegible]		1[illegible]	Knowlton		6 1[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1 20	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		6 [illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.1[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P M	A M	P M	Dep't Arrive	A M	P M	P M

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m. Monday, August [illegible] 1897.

South		Stations	North
5[illegible]		Clermont	1 [illegible]
2 24		[illegible]	1 46
2 50		[illegible]	1 [illegible]
3 01		North Fork	1 [illegible]
3 11		Kay Fork	12 52
3 14		Gray Gables	12 [illegible]
3.30		Ar St Marys Lv	12 55
	7 40	Lv Ar	11 [illegible]
3.35	7 45	Kaul	10
3 4[illegible]	7 51	[illegible]	10 4
[illegible]	7 5[illegible]	[illegible]	10 41
[illegible]	8 06	Gillen	10 22
4 00	8 10	[illegible]	10
4 08	8 16	Centreville	10 21
4 14	8 20	Dague Crossing	10 1
4 24	8 30	Shelvey Summit	10 [illegible]
4 30	8 38	Cuneo	9 58
4 3[illegible]	8 40	Thompson	9 5[illegible]
4.33	8 48	Curry	9 48
4 44	8 4[illegible]	Brandy Camp	9 43
4 46	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 50	8 55	Hyde	[illegible]
5 10	9 0[illegible]	Shawmut	9 15
p m	a.m.		a m

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. [illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT

8 20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with [illegible] Ry for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10 03 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5 05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for [illegible] Williamsport, Ridgway, [illegible], Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. trains for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday, at [illegible] a. m., [illegible] p. m. and [illegible]

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agt.,
[illegible]

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To [illegible] builders and supervisors [illegible] and [illegible] I am [illegible] to furnish [illegible] steel [illegible] or [illegible] any bridge [illegible] complete entire structure. Will furnish [illegible] and specifications on application.

A. REILLY, Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.